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### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM IN CONNECTICUT."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 16a-4c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) On or before January 1, 2014, and at least every twenty years  
6 thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
7 within available appropriations, and in consultation with regional  
8 planning organizations, as defined in section 4-124i, as amended by  
9 this act, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut  
10 Council of Small Towns, the Commissioner of Transportation and the  
11 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of  
12 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

13 planning and development, shall conduct an analysis of the  
14 boundaries of logical planning regions designated or redesignated  
15 under section 16a-4a, as amended by this act. As part of such analysis,  
16 the secretary shall evaluate opportunities for coordinated planning  
17 and the regional delivery of state and local services. Such analysis shall  
18 include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (1) economic regions,  
19 including regional economic development districts established  
20 pursuant to chapter 588ff; (2) comprehensive economic development  
21 strategies developed by such regional economic development districts;  
22 (3) labor market areas and workforce investment regions; (4) natural  
23 boundaries, including watersheds, coastlines, ecosystems and habitats;  
24 (5) relationships between urban, suburban and rural areas, including  
25 central cities and areas outside of the state; (6) census and other  
26 demographic information, including areas in the state designated by  
27 the United States Census Bureau as urbanized areas and urbanized  
28 clusters; (7) political boundaries, including municipal boundaries and  
29 congressional, senate and assembly districts; (8) transportation  
30 corridors, connectivity and boundaries, including the boundaries of  
31 metropolitan planning agencies; (9) current federal, state and  
32 municipal service delivery regions, including, but not limited to,  
33 regions established to provide emergency, health, transportation or  
34 human services; and (10) the current capacity of each regional  
35 planning organization to deliver diverse state and local services and to  
36 comply with the requirements of any relevant federal transportation  
37 authorizing acts. Such analysis shall also establish a minimum size for  
38 logical planning areas that takes into consideration the number of  
39 municipalities, total population, total square mileage and whether  
40 [the] a proposed planning region will have the capacity to successfully  
41 deliver [necessary regional services] sophisticated planning activities  
42 and regional services. Such analysis shall consider designating rural  
43 regions in areas of the state that do not have urbanized areas. The  
44 secretary may enter into such contractual agreements as may be  
45 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. On or before  
46 October 1, 2013, said secretary shall submit a report, in accordance  
47 with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General

48 Assembly having cognizance of matters concerning planning and  
49 development. Such report shall provide the status of the analysis  
50 required pursuant to this subsection.

51 (b) Any two or more contiguous planning regions that contain a  
52 total of fourteen or more municipalities and voluntarily consolidate to  
53 form a single [regional council of governments or regional council of  
54 elected officials] planning region shall be exempt from redesignation  
55 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, provided the Secretary of the  
56 Office of Policy and Management formally redesignates such planning  
57 regions prior to January 1, 2014. The secretary may, in his or her  
58 discretion, waive the requirement that such redesignated planning  
59 region contain a total of fourteen or more municipalities.

60 (c) (1) The secretary shall, not later than January 1, 2014, notify the  
61 chief executive officer of each municipality located in a planning  
62 region in which the boundaries are proposed for redesignation. If the  
63 legislative body of the municipality objects to such proposed  
64 redesignation, the chief executive officer of the municipality may, not  
65 later than thirty days after the date of receipt of the notice of  
66 redesignation, petition the secretary to attend a meeting of such  
67 legislative body. The petition shall specify the location, date and time  
68 of the meeting. The meeting shall be held not later than sixty days after  
69 the date of the petition. The secretary shall make a reasonable attempt  
70 to appear at the meeting, or at a meeting on another date within the  
71 sixty-day period. If the secretary is unable to attend a meeting within  
72 the sixty-day period, the secretary and the chief executive officer of the  
73 municipality shall jointly schedule a date and time for the meeting,  
74 provided such meeting shall be held not later than two hundred ten  
75 days after the date of the notice to the chief executive officer. At such  
76 meeting, the legislative body of the municipality shall inform the  
77 secretary of the objections to the proposed redesignation of the  
78 planning area boundaries. The secretary shall consider fully the oral  
79 and written objections of the legislative body and may redesignate the  
80 boundaries. Not later than sixty days after the date of the meeting, the

81 secretary shall notify the chief executive officer of the determination  
82 concerning the proposed redesignation. The notice of determination  
83 shall include the reasons for such determination. As used in this  
84 subsection, "municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town  
85 and borough; "legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town  
86 council, city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of  
87 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a  
88 municipality; and "secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of  
89 Policy and Management or the designee of the secretary.

90 (2) Any revision to the boundaries of a planning area, based on the  
91 analysis completed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or due to  
92 a modification by the secretary in accordance with this subsection,  
93 shall be effective on January 1, 2015.

94 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1,  
95 2015, each regional planning agency created pursuant to sections 8-31a  
96 to 8-37a, inclusive, of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
97 January 1, 2013, and each regional council of elected officials created  
98 pursuant to sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive, of the general statutes,  
99 shall be restructured to form a regional council of governments as  
100 provided in section 4-124j of the general statutes, as amended by this  
101 act.

102 (b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in  
103 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision  
104 of the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or  
105 program made available to counties by any other governmental or  
106 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public  
107 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement  
108 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to  
109 provide, alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service,  
110 activity or undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by  
111 law to perform. A regional council of governments established  
112 pursuant to this section may administer and provide regional services  
113 to municipalities and may delegate such authority to subregional

114 groups of such municipalities. Regional services provided to member  
115 municipalities shall be determined by each regional council of  
116 governments and may include, without limitation, the following  
117 services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning; (3) economic  
118 development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency management; (6) animal  
119 control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism promotion; (9) social;  
120 (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management; (13) regional  
121 sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16) household  
122 hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility siting;  
123 (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and  
124 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23)  
125 regional resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)  
126 transportation.

127 (c) On January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, each regional  
128 planning agency, regional council of elected officials and regional  
129 council of governments, shall submit a report to the Secretary of the  
130 Office of Policy and Management and to the joint standing committee  
131 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
132 municipalities. Such report shall include the following: (1) A  
133 description of any regional program, project or initiative provided or  
134 planned by such regional council of governments; (2) a description of  
135 any expenditure, including the source of funding, spent on each such  
136 regional program, project or initiative and a cost-benefit analysis for  
137 such expenditure; (3) a list of existing services provided by a  
138 municipality or by the state that, in the opinion of the regional council  
139 of governments, could be transferred to such regional council of  
140 governments and any efficiency associated with such transfer; (4) a  
141 discussion and review of the performance of any regional program,  
142 project or initiative, including any recommendations for legislative  
143 action; and (5) specific annual goals and objectives and quantifiable  
144 outcome measures for each program, project or initiative administered  
145 or provided by such regional council of governments.

146 Sec. 3. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the

147 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

148     (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional  
149 [performance] planning incentive account" which shall be a separate,  
150 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall  
151 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account.  
152 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office  
153 of Policy and Management in accordance with subsection (b) of this  
154 section for the purposes of [(1)] first providing funding to regional  
155 planning organizations in accordance with the provisions of  
156 subsections (b) and (c) of this section and then to providing grants  
157 under the regional performance incentive program established  
158 pursuant to section 4-124s, as amended by this act. [and (2) providing  
159 funding to the Voluntary Regional Consolidation Bonus Pool  
160 established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-124q.]

161     (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional  
162 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional  
163 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,  
164 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five  
165 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is  
166 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that  
167 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive  
168 an additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional  
169 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning  
170 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

171     (c) Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and annually  
172 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be  
173 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant  
174 to section 4-124j, as amended by this act, in the amount of one hundred  
175 twenty-five thousand dollars plus fifty cents per capita, using  
176 population information from the most recent federal decennial census.  
177 Any regional council of governments that is comprised of any two or  
178 more regional planning organizations, as defined in section 4-124i,  
179 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, that voluntarily

180 consolidated on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive a payment  
181 in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for each  
182 such regional planning organization that voluntarily consolidated on  
183 or before said date.

184 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 2-79a of the general statutes is  
185 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
186 *January 1, 2015*):

187 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on  
188 Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be  
189 to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local  
190 governments. The commission shall consist of the president pro  
191 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
192 minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of  
193 Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
194 the Commissioners of Education, Environmental Protection, Economic  
195 and Community Development, or their designees, and sixteen  
196 additional members as follows: (1) Six municipal officials appointed by  
197 the Governor, four of whom shall be selected from a list of nominees  
198 submitted to him by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and  
199 two of whom shall be selected from a list submitted by the Council of  
200 Small Towns. Two of such six officials shall be from towns having  
201 populations of twenty thousand or less persons, two shall be from  
202 towns having populations of more than twenty thousand but less than  
203 sixty thousand persons and two shall be from towns having  
204 populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (2) two local public  
205 education officials appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be  
206 selected from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Connecticut  
207 Association of Boards of Education and one of whom shall be selected  
208 from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association of School  
209 Administrators; (3) one representative of a regional council of  
210 governments [or a regional planning agency] appointed by the  
211 Governor from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Regional  
212 Planning Association of Connecticut; (4) five persons who do not hold

213 elected or appointed office in state or local government, one of whom  
214 shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed  
215 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be  
216 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of  
217 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one  
218 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
219 Representatives; (5) one representative of the Connecticut Conference  
220 of Municipalities appointed by said conference; and (6) one  
221 representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by said  
222 council. Each member of the commission appointed pursuant to  
223 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall serve for a  
224 term of two years. All other members shall serve for terms which are  
225 coterminous with their terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a  
226 chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the commission  
227 members. Members of the General Assembly may serve as  
228 gubernatorial appointees to the commission. Members of the  
229 commission shall not be compensated for their services but shall be  
230 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
231 their duties.

232 Sec. 5. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
233 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

234 (a) For purposes of this section:

235 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council  
236 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

237 (2) "Regional council of elected officials" means any such council  
238 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive;

239 (3) "Regional planning agency" means an agency defined in chapter  
240 127;

241 (4) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and  
242 borough;



243 (5) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,  
244 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of  
245 representatives or board of the mayor and burgesses of a municipality;  
246 and

247 (6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
248 Management or the designee of the secretary.

249 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program  
250 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
251 Management. [On or before December 1, 2011, any regional planning  
252 agency, any regional council of elected officials, any regional council of  
253 governments, any two or more municipalities, any economic  
254 development district or any combination thereof, may submit to said  
255 secretary a proposal for joint provision of a service or services that are  
256 currently provided by municipalities within the region of such agency  
257 or council or contiguous thereto, but not currently provided on a  
258 regional basis.] On or before December 31, 2011, and annually  
259 thereafter, any [such entity] regional planning agency, any regional  
260 council of elected officials, any regional council of governments, any  
261 two or more municipalities acting through a regional planning agency,  
262 regional council of elected officials or regional council of governments,  
263 any economic development district or any combination thereof may  
264 submit a proposal to the secretary for: (1) The joint provision of any  
265 service that one or more participating municipalities of such council or  
266 agency currently provide but which is not provided on a regional  
267 basis, [or] (2) a planning study regarding the joint provision of any  
268 service on a regional basis, or (3) shared information technology  
269 services. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators  
270 representing said participating municipalities.

271 (c) (1) An entity specified in subsection (a) of this section shall  
272 submit each proposal in the form and manner the secretary prescribes  
273 and shall, at a minimum, provide the following information for each  
274 proposal: (A) Service description; (B) the explanation of the need for  
275 such service; (C) the method of delivering such service on a regional

276 basis; (D) the organization that would be responsible for regional  
277 service delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be  
278 served; (F) the manner in which regional service delivery will achieve  
279 economies of scale; (G) the amount by which participating  
280 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings  
281 realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service by  
282 each participating municipality and by the entity submitting the  
283 proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the service on a  
284 regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal approved by  
285 the legislative body of each participating municipality; and (K) an  
286 explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the regional  
287 provision of the service.

288 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants  
289 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of  
290 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority  
291 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of  
292 this section that includes participation of all of the member  
293 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing  
294 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings  
295 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,  
296 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, and (B) any  
297 economic development district.

298 (d) On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter, in  
299 addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to this section, any  
300 municipality or regional council of governments may apply to the  
301 secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated with  
302 connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network developed  
303 pursuant to section 4d-80, as amended by this act; and (2) capital cost  
304 associated with connecting to such network, including expenses  
305 associated with building out the internal fiber network connections  
306 required to connect to such network, provided the secretary shall make  
307 any such grant available in accordance with the two-year schedule by  
308 which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology recommends

309 connecting each municipality and regional council of governments to  
310 such network. Any municipality or regional council of governments  
311 shall submit each application in the form and manner the secretary  
312 prescribes.

313 [(d)] (e) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint  
314 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
315 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants  
316 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include  
317 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each  
318 grant for leveraging other public and private investments. The  
319 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,  
320 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each  
321 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such  
322 fiscal year. Such reports shall include the property tax reductions  
323 achieved by means of the program established pursuant to this section.

324 Sec. 6. Section 4-124s of the general statutes, as amended by section  
325 5 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
326 (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

327 (a) For purposes of this section:

328 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council  
329 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

330 [(2)] (2) "Regional council of elected officials" means any such council  
331 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive;

332 (3) "Regional planning agency" means an agency defined in chapter  
333 127;]

334 [(4)] (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and  
335 borough;

336 [(5)] (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town  
337 council, city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of

338 representatives or board of the mayor and burgesses of a municipality;  
339 and

340 [(6)] (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
341 Management or the designee of the secretary.

342 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program  
343 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
344 Management. On or before December 31, 2011, and annually  
345 thereafter, any [regional planning agency, any regional council of  
346 elected officials, any] regional council of governments, any two or  
347 more municipalities acting through a [regional planning agency,  
348 regional council of elected officials or] regional council of  
349 governments, any economic development district or any combination  
350 thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary for: (1) The joint  
351 provision of any service that one or more participating municipalities  
352 of such council or agency currently provide but which is not provided  
353 on a regional basis, (2) a planning study regarding the joint provision  
354 of any service on a regional basis, or (3) shared information technology  
355 services. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators  
356 representing said participating municipalities.

357 (c) (1) [An entity specified in subsection (a) of this section] A  
358 regional council of governments or an economic development district  
359 shall submit each proposal in the form and manner the secretary  
360 prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the following information  
361 for each proposal: (A) Service description; (B) the explanation of the  
362 need for such service; (C) the method of delivering such service on a  
363 regional basis; (D) the organization that would be responsible for  
364 regional service delivery; (E) a description of the population that  
365 would be served; (F) the manner in which regional service delivery  
366 will achieve economies of scale; (G) the amount by which participating  
367 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings  
368 realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service by  
369 each participating municipality and by the entity submitting the  
370 proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the service on a

371 regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal approved by  
372 the legislative body of each participating municipality; and (K) an  
373 explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the regional  
374 provision of the service.

375 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants  
376 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of  
377 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority  
378 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of  
379 this section that includes participation of all of the member  
380 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing  
381 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings  
382 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,  
383 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, and (B) any  
384 economic development district.

385 (d) On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter, in  
386 addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to this section, any  
387 municipality or regional council of governments may apply to the  
388 secretary for a grant to fund: (1) operating costs associated with  
389 connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network developed  
390 pursuant to section 4d-80, as amended by this act, including the costs  
391 to connect at the same rate as other government entities served by such  
392 network; and (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such  
393 network, including expenses associated with building out the internal  
394 fiber network connections required to connect to such network,  
395 provided the secretary shall make any such grant available in  
396 accordance with the two-year schedule by which the Bureau of  
397 Enterprise Systems and Technology recommends connecting each  
398 municipality and regional council of governments to such network.  
399 Any municipality or regional council of governments shall submit each  
400 application in the form and manner the secretary prescribes.

401 (e) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing  
402 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
403 relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants

404 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include  
405 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each  
406 grant for leveraging other public and private investments. The  
407 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,  
408 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each  
409 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such  
410 fiscal year. Such reports shall include the property tax reductions  
411 achieved by means of the program established pursuant to this section.

412 Sec. 7. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes  
413 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
414 *July 1, 2013*):

415 (a) There is established a Commission for Educational Technology  
416 within the Department of Administrative Services. The commission  
417 shall consist of the following members or their designees: (1) The  
418 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner  
419 of Administrative Services, [or the commissioner's designee,] the  
420 Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Economic and  
421 Community Development, the president of The University of  
422 Connecticut and the president of the Board of Regents for Higher  
423 Education, [or their designees,] the State Librarian [, or the State  
424 Librarian's designee, the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory  
425 Authority, or the chairperson's designee, the chief executive officers of  
426 the constituent units of the state system of higher education, or their  
427 designees] and the Consumer Counsel, (2) one member each  
428 representing the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, the  
429 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the [Connecticut  
430 Association of Public School Superintendents, the Connecticut  
431 Educators Computer Association,] the Connecticut Conference of  
432 Municipalities, the Connecticut Council of Small Towns and the  
433 Connecticut Library Association, (3) [a secondary school teacher  
434 designated by the Connecticut Education Association and an  
435 elementary school teacher designated by the Connecticut Federation of  
436 Educational and Professional Employees, and (4)] four members who

437 represent business [and] or have expertise in information technology,  
438 [one each] two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, [the  
439 Lieutenant Governor,] one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker  
440 of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed  
441 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (4) one member who is a  
442 chief elected official of a municipality, who shall be appointed by the  
443 minority leader of the Senate, and (5) one member who is a  
444 representative of small business who shall be appointed by the  
445 minority leader of the House of Representatives. The commission shall  
446 convene a meeting at least once during each calendar quarter. [The  
447 Lieutenant Governor shall convene the first meeting of the commission  
448 on or before September 1, 2000.]

449 (b) The [commission shall elect] Governor shall appoint a  
450 chairperson from among [its] the members of the commission or their  
451 designees. Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, and within available  
452 appropriations, the commission may appoint an executive director and  
453 such other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the  
454 duties of the commission. Notwithstanding any provision of the  
455 general statutes, the executive director shall have the option to elect  
456 participation in the state employees retirement system, or the alternate  
457 retirement program established for eligible employees in higher  
458 education or the teachers' retirement system.

459 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) The Bureau of Enterprise Systems and  
460 Technology shall, in consultation with regional councils of  
461 governments, recommend a two-year schedule by which to connect  
462 each municipality and regional council of governments to the state-  
463 wide high speed, flexible network developed pursuant to section 4d-80  
464 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. On or before October 1,  
465 2013, said bureau shall submit the recommended two-year schedule, in  
466 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
467 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
468 matters relating to municipalities.

469 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,

470 2015, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, in  
471 consultation with the Department of Education, the Connecticut  
472 Conference of Municipalities and the Council of Small Towns, develop  
473 and implement a uniform system of accounting for municipal  
474 revenues and expenditures, including, but not limited to, board of  
475 education and grant agency expenditures and revenue. Such uniform  
476 system of accounting shall include a chart of accounts to be used at the  
477 municipal level. Such chart of accounts shall include, but not be  
478 limited to, all amounts and sources of revenue and donations of cash  
479 and real or personal property in the aggregate totaling five hundred  
480 dollars or more received by a municipality. The secretary shall make  
481 such chart of accounts available on the Internet web site of the Office of  
482 Policy and Management.

483 (b) Not later than June 30, 2015, each municipality shall implement  
484 the uniform system of accounting for municipal revenues and  
485 expenditures developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by  
486 using such uniform system to complete and file annual reports with  
487 the Office of Policy and Management as may be required by the  
488 secretary in order to increase transparency regarding municipal  
489 expenditures and to meet the state's benchmarking goals.

490 Sec. 10. Section 4-124i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
491 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

492 As used in sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this  
493 act:

494 (1) "Planning region" means a planning region of the state as  
495 defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
496 Management, or his designee under the provisions of section 16a-4a, as  
497 amended by this act;

498 [(2) "Regional council of elected officials" means any regional  
499 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of this  
500 chapter;



501 (3) "Regional planning agency" means any regional planning agency  
502 organized under the provisions of chapter 127;]

503 [(4)] (2) "Chief elected official" means the highest ranking elected  
504 governmental official of any town, city or borough within the state;

505 [(5)] (3) "Elected official" means any selectman, mayor, alderman, or  
506 member of a common council or other similar legislative body of any  
507 town or city, or warden or burgess of any borough;

508 [(6)] (4) "Council" means a regional council of governments  
509 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,  
510 as amended by this act;

511 [(7)] (5) "Member" means any town, city or borough within a  
512 planning region of the state having become a member of a regional  
513 council of governments in accordance with [said] sections [;] 4-124i to  
514 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act.

515 [(8) "Regional planning organization" means a regional council of  
516 governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-  
517 124p, inclusive, a regional council of elected officials organized under  
518 the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive, or a regional  
519 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127.]

520 Sec. 11. Section 4-124j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
521 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

522 Within any planning region of the state a regional council of  
523 governments may be created by the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-  
524 124p, inclusive, by ordinance of the legislative bodies of not less than  
525 sixty per cent of all towns, cities and boroughs within such planning  
526 region entitled to membership on such council as hereinafter provided.  
527 [Where any regional council of elected officials, or a regional planning  
528 agency, exist within a planning region, a regional council of  
529 governments may be created either as hereinabove provided, or by the  
530 adoption of said sections by resolution of any such regional council or

531 councils of elected officials and any such regional planning agency,  
532 and the ratification of any such resolution by ordinance of the  
533 legislative bodies of not less than sixty per cent of all such towns, cities  
534 and boroughs.] All towns, cities and boroughs within a planning  
535 region shall be entitled to membership on such council, including any  
536 city or borough with boundaries not coterminous with the boundaries  
537 of the town in which it is located. Any nonmember town, city or  
538 borough entitled to membership may join the council by the adoption  
539 of said sections by ordinance of its legislative body. Any member  
540 town, city or borough may withdraw from the council by adoption of  
541 an appropriate ordinance of its legislative body to become effective on  
542 the date of such adoption; provided, however, that any such  
543 withdrawing member shall be obligated to pay its pro rata share of  
544 expenses of operation and pro rata share of funds committed by the  
545 council to active programs as of such date of withdrawal.

546       Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) The Commissioner of Transportation  
547 shall, within available appropriations, prepare a report on the  
548 redesignation of metropolitan planning organizations, as defined in 23  
549 USC 134. Such report shall include, without limitation: (1) A suggested  
550 process for redesignation; (2) assistance that would be provided by the  
551 Department of Transportation; and (3) the structures and resources  
552 that would be necessary to meet federal transportation requirements  
553 related to planning, capital programming, project selection, asset  
554 management and performance measurement pursuant to the Moving  
555 Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act. Not later than July 1, 2014,  
556 the commissioner shall submit such report, in accordance with the  
557 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
558 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
559 relating to municipalities and transportation.

560       Sec. 13. Section 4-124l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
561 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

562       [(a)] Upon the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as  
563 amended by this act, or upon the ratification of a resolution adopting

564 said sections, as provided in section 4-124j, by any town, city or  
565 borough entitled to membership on a regional council of governments,  
566 the clerk of such town, city or borough shall immediately prepare and  
567 file with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his  
568 or her designee a certified copy of the adopting or ratifying ordinance,  
569 and, upon receipt of such certified ordinances from not less than sixty  
570 per cent of all such towns, cities and boroughs within a planning  
571 region, said secretary or his or her designee shall certify to such towns,  
572 cities and boroughs and all other eligible towns, cities and boroughs  
573 within the planning region, that a regional council of governments has  
574 been duly established within such planning region. Any subsequent  
575 ordinances adopting the provisions of said sections, or effecting the  
576 withdrawal from the council of a member shall be similarly filed.  
577 [Except as hereinafter provided in this section, upon the establishment  
578 of a regional council of governments within a planning region in  
579 accordance with said sections, no regional council of elected officials  
580 nor regional planning agency shall be subsequently established within  
581 such planning region.]

582 [(b) If at the time of the adoption or ratification of the provisions of  
583 said sections by the requisite sixty per cent majority of all eligible  
584 towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region there exists within  
585 such planning region a regional council of elected officials, or regional  
586 planning agency, or both, the existence and activities of any such  
587 regional council of elected officials or regional planning agency shall  
588 continue uninterrupted for the duration of a transitional period  
589 commencing with the certification of the establishment of the council  
590 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his  
591 designee pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The chief elected  
592 officials of each town, city or borough subsequently adopting said  
593 sections, or in the absence of a chief elected official, an elected official  
594 appointed by the legislative body of any such member, shall constitute  
595 a transitional executive committee of the regional council of  
596 governments during such transitional period. Any such transitional  
597 executive committee acting under this subsection shall have the

598 following authority and responsibilities: (1) To draft and propose  
599 bylaws for adoption by the council; (2) to select and propose for  
600 election by the council, candidates for offices of the council which may  
601 include any one or more members of the transitional committee; (3) to  
602 propose staffing arrangements, for adoption by the council; (4) to  
603 prepare and propose, for adoption by the council, a program of  
604 planning and implementation activities, which shall provide for the  
605 assumption of such active programs of any such existing regional  
606 council of elected officials or regional planning agency, as such  
607 executive committee may deem appropriate and a budget for a period  
608 not to exceed one year following such transitional period; (5) to  
609 propose, for adoption by the council, the date upon which such  
610 transitional period shall terminate, which date shall not be later than  
611 one year from the date of certification by the secretary of the office of  
612 policy and management, or his designee of the establishment of the  
613 council.

614 (c) Upon the expiration of the transitional period provided for  
615 under subsection (b) of this section, the regional council of  
616 governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights,  
617 privileges and obligations, whether statutory or contractual, of any  
618 regional council of elected officials, or regional planning agency, or  
619 both, within the planning region, and no regional council of elected  
620 officials nor regional planning agency shall be subsequently created  
621 within such planning region, except as provided in subsection (d) of  
622 this section.

623 (d) If at any time after the establishment within a planning region of  
624 a regional council of governments the members of the council shall  
625 constitute less than forty per cent of all eligible towns, cities and  
626 boroughs within such planning region, the council shall thereafter be  
627 deemed a regional council of elected officials without the rights and  
628 duties of a regional planning agency for as long as and until the  
629 membership of the council shall again constitute not less than sixty per  
630 cent of all such eligible cities, towns and boroughs within the planning

631 region. Whenever the members of the council shall constitute less than  
632 forty per cent of all such eligible towns, cities and boroughs within the  
633 planning region, a regional council of elected officials and a regional  
634 planning agency may be established within such region under the  
635 general statutes, as amended.]

636 Sec. 14. Section 4-124u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
637 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

638 (a) As used in this section, [:] "proposed project of regional  
639 significance" means a proposed project, to be built by a private  
640 developer, that is an open air theater, shopping center or other  
641 development that is planned to create more than (1) five hundred  
642 thousand square feet of indoor commercial or industrial space, (2) two  
643 hundred fifty residential housing units in structures under four stories,  
644 or (3) one thousand parking spaces.

645 [(1) "Regional planning organization" means (A) a regional council  
646 of governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-  
647 124p, inclusive, (B) a regional council of elected officials organized  
648 under the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive, or (C) a  
649 regional planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter  
650 127; and

651 (2) "Proposed project of regional significance" means a proposed  
652 project, to be built by a private developer, that is an open air theater,  
653 shopping center or other development that is planned to create more  
654 than (A) five hundred thousand square feet of indoor commercial or  
655 industrial space, (B) two hundred fifty residential housing units in  
656 structures under four stories, or (C) one thousand parking spaces.]

657 (b) Each regional [planning organization] council of governments  
658 shall establish a voluntary process for applicants to any state or  
659 municipal agency, department or commission to request a  
660 preapplication review of proposed projects of regional significance.  
661 Such process shall determine the components of the review which

662 shall include a procedure to assure that all relevant municipalities and  
663 regional and state agencies provide the applicant with (1) preliminary  
664 comment on the project, which shall be in a form determined by the  
665 agency, (2) summaries of the review process of each agency, and (3) an  
666 opportunity for the applicant to discuss the project with  
667 representatives of each relevant municipality or state agency at a  
668 meeting convened by the regional [planning organization] council of  
669 governments. At least one representative from each relevant  
670 municipality and each state agency, department or commission shall  
671 participate in a review of a proposed project of regional significance  
672 upon request of a regional [planning organization] council of  
673 governments at a meeting convened for such purpose, provided (A)  
674 the regional [planning organization] council of governments notifies  
675 each agency, department or commission of any such meeting no later  
676 than the date three weeks before the date of such meeting, and (B) no  
677 such organization shall convene more than one such meeting in any  
678 quarter of a calendar year. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to  
679 prevent two or more regional [planning organizations] councils of  
680 governments from convening joint meetings to carry out the  
681 provisions of this section. The regional [planning organization] council  
682 of governments shall prepare a report of the comments of the agencies  
683 reviewing the proposal and provide a copy of such report to the  
684 applicant and each reviewing agency.

685 (c) No results or information obtained from the preapplication  
686 review established under this section shall be appealed under any  
687 provision of the general statutes and no such results or information  
688 shall be binding on the applicant or any authority, commission,  
689 department, agency or other official having jurisdiction to review the  
690 proposed project.

691 Sec. 15. Subdivision (10) of section 4-230 of the general statutes is  
692 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
693 *January 1, 2015*):

694 (10) "Audited agency" means a district, as defined in section 7-324,

695 the Metropolitan District of Hartford County, a regional board of  
696 education, a regional [planning agency] council of governments, any  
697 other political subdivision of similar character which is created or any  
698 other agency created or designated by a municipality to act for such  
699 municipality whose annual receipts from all sources exceed one  
700 million dollars or any tourism district established under section 10-397;

701 Sec. 16. Section 4b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
702 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

703 As used in this section, "state facility" means buildings and real  
704 property owned or leased by the state. The Commissioner of  
705 Administrative Services, when leasing, purchasing or contracting for  
706 the purchase of a state facility, shall consider the proximity of state  
707 facilities to railroads or motor bus routes. The Commissioner of  
708 Administrative Services shall consult with the Department of  
709 Transportation, transit districts or regional [planning agencies]  
710 councils of governments on the current and future status of railroad  
711 and motor bus routes prior to leasing, purchasing or contracting for  
712 the purchase of a state facility.

713 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is  
714 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
715 *January 1, 2015*):

716 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and  
717 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group  
718 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for  
719 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect  
720 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) participants in an alternate  
721 retirement program who meet the service requirements of section  
722 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (4) anyone receiving benefits  
723 under section 5-144 or from any state-sponsored retirement system,  
724 except the teachers' retirement system and the municipal employees  
725 retirement system, (5) judges of probate and Probate Court employees,  
726 (6) the surviving spouse, and any dependent children of a state police

727 officer, a member of an organized local police department, a firefighter  
728 or a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies  
729 before, on or after June 26, 2003, as the result of injuries received while  
730 acting within the scope of such officer's or firefighter's or constable's  
731 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and  
732 whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise  
733 eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance  
734 plan. Coverage for a dependent child pursuant to this subdivision shall  
735 terminate no earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after  
736 whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child:  
737 Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's  
738 own employment; or attains the age of twenty-six, (7) employees of the  
739 Capital Region Development Authority established by section 32-601,  
740 and (8) the surviving spouse and dependent children of any employee  
741 of a municipality who dies on or after October 1, 2000, as the result of  
742 injuries received while acting within the scope of such employee's  
743 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and  
744 whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise  
745 eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance  
746 plan. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" means any regular  
747 employee or elective officer receiving pay from a municipality,  
748 "municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing  
749 district, fire district, district department of health, probate district,  
750 housing authority, regional work force development board established  
751 under section 31-3k, flood commission or authority established by  
752 special act or regional [planning agency] council of governments. For  
753 purposes of subdivision (6) of this subsection, "firefighter" means any  
754 person who is regularly employed and paid by any municipality for  
755 the purpose of performing firefighting duties for a municipality on  
756 average of not less than thirty-five hours per week. The minimum  
757 benefits to be provided by such plan or plans shall be substantially  
758 equal in value to the benefits that each such employee or member of  
759 the General Assembly could secure in such plan or plans on an  
760 individual basis on the preceding first day of July. The state shall pay  
761 for each such employee and each member of the General Assembly



covered by such plan or plans the portion of the premium charged for such member's or employee's individual coverage and seventy per cent of the additional cost of the form of coverage and such amount shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such employee or member of the General Assembly for the form of such member's or employee's coverage under such plan or plans. On and after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving benefits from any such state-sponsored retirement system one hundred per cent of the portion of the premium charged for such member's or employee's individual coverage and one hundred per cent of any additional cost for the form of coverage. The balance of any premiums payable by an individual employee or by a member of the General Assembly for the form of coverage shall be deducted from the payroll by the State Comptroller. The total premiums payable shall be remitted by the Comptroller to the insurance company or companies or nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The amount of the state's contribution per employee for a health maintenance organization option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and cents, to the largest amount of the contribution per employee paid for any other option that is available to all eligible state employees included in the health benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed the amount of the health maintenance organization premium.

Sec. 18. Subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

(i) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees of municipalities, nonprofit corporations, community action agencies and small employers and individuals eligible for a health coverage tax credit, retired members or members of an association for personal care assistants under the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this section, provided: (1) Participation by each municipality, nonprofit corporation, community action agency, small employer, eligible individual, retired member or association for personal care assistants

795 shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization  
796 represents employees of a municipality, nonprofit corporation,  
797 community action agency or small employer, participation in a plan or  
798 plans to be procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by  
799 mutual agreement of the municipality, nonprofit corporation,  
800 community action agency or small employer and the employee  
801 organization only and neither party may submit the issue of  
802 participation to binding arbitration except by mutual agreement if  
803 such binding arbitration is available; (3) no group of employees shall  
804 be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health care  
805 costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its employees  
806 under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely affected by this  
807 subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans provided  
808 under this subsection shall not be paid by the state; (6) participation in  
809 the plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the  
810 duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as  
811 mutually agreed by the municipality, nonprofit corporation,  
812 community action agency, small employer, retired member or  
813 association for personal care assistants and the Comptroller; and (7)  
814 nothing in this section or section 12-202a, 38a-551, 38a-553 or 38a-556  
815 shall be construed as requiring a participating insurer or health care  
816 center to issue individual policies to individuals eligible for a health  
817 coverage tax credit. The coverage provided under this section may be  
818 referred to as the "Municipal Employee Health Insurance Plan". The  
819 Comptroller may arrange and procure for the employees and eligible  
820 individuals under this subsection health benefit plans that vary from  
821 the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this section.  
822 Notwithstanding any provision of part V of chapter 700c, the coverage  
823 provided under this subsection may be offered on either a fully  
824 underwritten or risk-pooled basis at the discretion of the Comptroller.  
825 For the purposes of this subsection, (A) "municipality" means any  
826 town, city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district  
827 department of health, probate district, housing authority, regional  
828 work force development board established under section 31-3k,  
829 regional emergency telecommunications center, tourism district

830 established under section 32-302, flood commission or authority  
831 established by special act, regional [planning agency] council of  
832 governments, transit district formed under chapter 103a, or the  
833 Children's Center established by number 571 of the public acts of 1969;  
834 (B) "nonprofit corporation" means (i) a nonprofit corporation  
835 organized under 26 USC 501 that has a contract with the state or  
836 receives a portion of its funding from a municipality, the state or the  
837 federal government, or (ii) an organization that is tax exempt pursuant  
838 to 26 USC 501(c)(5); (C) "community action agency" means a  
839 community action agency, as defined in section 17b-885; (D) "small  
840 employer" means a small employer, as defined in subparagraph (A) of  
841 subdivision (4) of section 38a-564; (E) "eligible individuals" or  
842 "individuals eligible for a health coverage tax credit" means  
843 individuals who are eligible for the credit for health insurance costs  
844 under Section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
845 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
846 as from time to time amended, in accordance with the Pension Benefit  
847 Guaranty Corporation and Trade Adjustment Assistance programs of  
848 the Trade Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-210); (F) "association for personal care  
849 assistants" means an organization composed of personal care  
850 attendants who are employed by recipients of service (i) under the  
851 home-care program for the elderly under section 17b-342, (ii) under the  
852 personal care assistance program under section 17b-605a, (iii) in an  
853 independent living center pursuant to sections 17b-613 to 17b-615,  
854 inclusive, or (iv) under the program for individuals with acquired  
855 brain injury as described in section 17b-260a; and (G) "retired  
856 members" means individuals eligible for a retirement benefit from the  
857 Connecticut municipal employees' retirement system.

858 Sec. 19. Section 7-130w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
859 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

860 Sections 7-130a to 7-130w, inclusive, shall constitute full and  
861 complete authority, without regard to the provisions of any other law,  
862 for the doing of the acts and things therein authorized and shall be

liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof, provided the ordinance creating the authority may include limitations on the powers and procedures of the authority. Unless otherwise provided in such ordinance, neither the consent nor approval of any planning commission, regional [planning agency] council of governments, historic district commission, municipal or regional economic development commission or any other board, body or commission established or created before or after July 1, 1965, shall be required for the exercise of the powers conferred by said sections; provided no project shall be constructed in any municipality if it is inconsistent with the plan of conservation and development for the municipality adopted pursuant to section 8-23, as amended by this act, except with the approval of the planning commission of such municipality.

Sec. 20. Section 7-136e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

(a) A municipality which, pursuant to section 7-136d, has authorized the establishment of a foreign trade zone, shall submit a copy of the application for the privilege of operating such foreign trade zone to the regional [planning agency] council of governments for the area of operation within which such municipality is located and the Departments of Economic and Community Development, Environmental Protection and Transportation for their comments on the advisability of establishment of such zone. Such comments shall be prepared within ninety days of receipt of the application from the municipality.

(b) The Departments of Economic and Community Development, Environmental Protection and Transportation shall submit their advisory comments to the municipality and to the board established by said federal Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

Sec. 21. Section 7-391 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

894 When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,  
895 the following terms shall have the meanings herein specified:  
896 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
897 Management; "municipality" includes each town, consolidated town  
898 and city, consolidated town and borough, city and borough; "audited  
899 agency" includes each district, as defined in section 7-324, or other  
900 municipal utility, the Metropolitan District of Hartford County, each  
901 regional [planning agency] council of governments, any other political  
902 subdivision of similar character which is created and any other agency  
903 created or designated by a municipality to act for such municipality  
904 whose annual receipts from all sources exceed one million dollars;  
905 "reporting agency" includes each district, as defined in section 7-324, or  
906 other municipal utility, each regional [planning agency] council of  
907 governments, any other political subdivision of similar character  
908 which is created and any other agency created or designated by a  
909 municipality to act for such municipality whose annual receipts from  
910 all sources do not exceed one million dollars; "appointing authority"  
911 means the legislative body of a municipality or the board, committee  
912 or other governing body of such audited agency, except in any town  
913 where the authority to adopt a budget rests with a town meeting or a  
914 representative town meeting "appointing authority" means the board  
915 of finance or other board, committee or body charged with preparing  
916 the budget, or in a town [which] that has no board of finance or other  
917 such board, committee or body, means the board of selectmen or the  
918 town council; "audit report" means the report of the independent  
919 auditor and the annual financial statements of the municipality or  
920 audited agency; "independent auditor" means a public accountant who  
921 is licensed to practice in the state of Connecticut and who meets the  
922 independence standards included in generally accepted government  
923 auditing standards; "public accountant" means an individual who  
924 meets standards included in generally accepted government auditing  
925 standards for personnel performing government audits and the  
926 licensing requirements of the State Board of Accountancy; "receipts"  
927 means amounts accrued or received by a municipality, audited agency  
928 or reporting agency and reportable as revenues in accordance with

929 generally accepted accounting principles; "municipal utility" means  
930 every Connecticut municipality or department or agency thereof, or  
931 Connecticut district, manufacturing, selling or distributing gas or  
932 electricity to be used for light, heat or power or water.

933 Sec. 22. Subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of section 7-425 of the  
934 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
935 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

936 (1) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district,  
937 regional school district, taxing district, fire district, district department  
938 of health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force  
939 development board established under section 31-3k, regional  
940 emergency telecommunications center, tourism district established  
941 under section 10-397, flood commission or authority established by  
942 special act or regional [planning agency] council of governments;

943 (2) "Participating municipality" means any municipality [which]  
944 that has accepted this part, as provided in section 7-427, as amended  
945 by this act;

946 (3) "Legislative body" means, for towns having a town council, the  
947 council; for other towns, the selectmen; for cities, the common council  
948 or other similar body of officials; for boroughs, the warden and  
949 burgesses; for regional school districts, the regional board of  
950 education; for district departments of health, the board of the district;  
951 for probate districts, the judge of probate; for regional [planning  
952 agencies] councils of governments, the [regional planning board]  
953 council; for regional emergency telecommunications centers, a  
954 representative board; for tourism districts, the board of directors of  
955 such tourism district; and in all other cases the body authorized by the  
956 general statutes or by special act to make ordinances for the  
957 municipality;

958 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 7-427 of the general statutes is  
959 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

960 January 1, 2015):

961 (a) Any municipality except a housing authority, which is governed  
962 by subsection (b) of this section or a regional work force development  
963 board established under section 31-3k, which is governed by section 7-  
964 427a, may, by resolution passed by its legislative body and subject to  
965 such referendum as may be hereinafter provided, accept this part as to  
966 any department or departments of such municipality as may be  
967 designated therein, including elective officers if so specified, free  
968 public libraries which receive part or all of their income from  
969 municipal appropriation, and the redevelopment agency of such  
970 municipality whether or not such municipality is a member of the  
971 system, as defined in section 7-452, as amended by this act, but such  
972 acceptance shall not repeal, amend or replace, or affect the continuance  
973 of, any pension system established in such municipality by or under  
974 the authority of any special act and all such special acts shall remain in  
975 full force and effect until repealed or amended by the General  
976 Assembly or as provided by chapter 99. The acceptance of this part as  
977 to any department or departments of a municipality shall not affect the  
978 right of such municipality to accept it in the future as to any other  
979 department or departments. In any municipality other than a district  
980 department of health, housing authority, flood commission or  
981 authority, regional [planning agency] council of governments or  
982 supervision district board of education, such resolution shall not take  
983 effect until it has been approved by a majority of the electors of the  
984 municipality voting thereon at the next regular election or meeting or  
985 at a special election or meeting called for the purpose. The effective  
986 date of participation shall be at least ninety days subsequent to the  
987 receipt by the Retirement Commission of the certified copy of such  
988 resolution. The Retirement Commission shall furnish to any  
989 municipality contemplating acceptance of this part, at the expense of  
990 such municipality, an estimate of the probable cost to such  
991 municipality of such acceptance as to any department or departments  
992 thereof.

993 Sec. 24. Subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of section 7-452 of the  
994 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
995 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

996 (1) "Municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city,  
997 consolidated town and borough, borough, fire district, school district,  
998 district department of health, regional [planning agency] council of  
999 governments, probate district, housing authority, flood commission or  
1000 authority established by special act or other municipal association  
1001 created by special law or by general law or an instrumentality of any of  
1002 these, if such instrumentality is a distinct juristic entity legally separate  
1003 from any of the above and its employees are not, through this relation,  
1004 employees of one of the above;

1005 (2) "Commission" means the State Retirement Commission;

1006 (3) "System" means the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System  
1007 under Title II of the Social Security Act, as amended;

1008 (4) "Legislative body", unless otherwise provided by special act or  
1009 by charter adopted under the provisions of chapter 99, as applied to  
1010 unconsolidated towns, means the town meeting; as applied to cities  
1011 and to consolidated towns and cities, means the board of aldermen,  
1012 council or other body charged with the duty of making annual  
1013 appropriations; as applied to boroughs and consolidated towns and  
1014 boroughs, means the board of burgesses; as applied to fire districts,  
1015 means the district meeting; as applied to district departments of health,  
1016 means the district board; as applied to probate districts, means the  
1017 judge of probate; as applied to regional [planning agencies] councils of  
1018 governments, means the [regional planning board] council, and, in all  
1019 other cases, means the body authorized by the general statutes or by  
1020 special act to make bylaws or ordinances for the municipality;

1021 Sec. 25. Section 7-465 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1022 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1023 (a) Any town, city or borough, notwithstanding any inconsistent



1024 provision of law, general, special or local, shall pay on behalf of any  
1025 employee of such municipality, except firemen covered under the  
1026 provisions of section 7-308, and on behalf of any member from such  
1027 municipality of a local emergency planning district, appointed  
1028 pursuant to section 22a-601, all sums which such employee becomes  
1029 obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon such  
1030 employee by law for damages awarded for infringement of any  
1031 person's civil rights or for physical damages to person or property,  
1032 except as set forth in this section, if the employee, at the time of the  
1033 occurrence, accident, physical injury or damages complained of, was  
1034 acting in the performance of his duties and within the scope of his  
1035 employment, and if such occurrence, accident, physical injury or  
1036 damage was not the result of any wilful or wanton act of such  
1037 employee in the discharge of such duty. This section shall not apply to  
1038 physical injury to a person caused by an employee to a fellow  
1039 employee while both employees are engaged in the scope of their  
1040 employment for such municipality if the employee suffering such  
1041 injury or, in the case of his death, his dependent, has a right to benefits  
1042 or compensation under chapter 568 by reason of such injury. If an  
1043 employee or, in the case of his death, his dependent, has a right to  
1044 benefits or compensation under chapter 568 by reason of injury or  
1045 death caused by the negligence or wrong of a fellow employee while  
1046 both employees are engaged in the scope of their employment for such  
1047 municipality, such employee or, in the case of his death, his  
1048 dependent, shall have no cause of action against such fellow employee  
1049 to recover damages for such injury or death unless such wrong was  
1050 wilful and malicious or the action is based on the fellow employee's  
1051 negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-  
1052 1. This section shall not apply to libel or slander proceedings brought  
1053 against any such employee and, in such cases, there is no assumption  
1054 of liability by any town, city or borough. Any employee of such  
1055 municipality, although excused from official duty at the time, for the  
1056 purposes of this section shall be deemed to be acting in the discharge  
1057 of duty when engaged in the immediate and actual performance of a  
1058 public duty imposed by law. Such municipality may arrange for and

1059 maintain appropriate insurance or may elect to act as a self-insurer to  
1060 maintain such protection. No action for personal physical injuries or  
1061 damages to real or personal property shall be maintained against such  
1062 municipality and employee jointly unless such action is commenced  
1063 within two years after the cause of action therefor arose and written  
1064 notice of the intention to commence such action and of the time when  
1065 and the place where the damages were incurred or sustained has been  
1066 filed with the clerk of such municipality within six months after such  
1067 cause of action has accrued. Governmental immunity shall not be a  
1068 defense in any action brought under this section. In any such action the  
1069 municipality and the employee may be represented by the same  
1070 attorney if the municipality, at the time such attorney enters his  
1071 appearance, files a statement with the court, which shall not become  
1072 part of the pleadings or judgment file, that it will pay any final  
1073 judgment rendered in such action against such employee. No mention  
1074 of any kind shall be made of such statement by any counsel during the  
1075 trial of such action. As used in this section, "employee" includes (1) a  
1076 member of a town board of education and any teacher, including a  
1077 student teacher doing practice teaching under the direction of such a  
1078 teacher, or other person employed by such board, and (2) a member of  
1079 the local emergency planning committee from such municipality  
1080 appointed pursuant to section 22a-601. Nothing in this section shall be  
1081 construed to abrogate the right of any person, board or commission  
1082 which may accrue under section 10-235.

1083 (b) Each town, city or borough which has joined with other towns,  
1084 cities or boroughs to form a district department of health, pursuant to  
1085 chapter 368f, or a regional [planning agency, pursuant to chapter 127]  
1086 council of governments, pursuant to section 4-124j, as amended by this  
1087 act, shall jointly assume the liability imposed upon any officer, agent  
1088 or employee of such district department of health or such regional  
1089 [planning agency] council of governments, acting in the performance  
1090 of his duties and in the scope of his employment, under, and in the  
1091 manner and in accordance with the procedures set forth in, subsection  
1092 (a) of this section. Such joint assumption of liability shall be

1093 proportionately shared by the towns, cities and boroughs in such  
1094 district or regional [planning agency] council of governments, on the  
1095 same basis that the expenses of such district are shared as determined  
1096 under section 19a-243. [, or such regional planning agency as  
1097 determined under section 8-34a.]

1098 Sec. 26. Section 7-479 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1099 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1100 For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town,  
1101 city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district  
1102 department of health, probate district, housing authority, flood  
1103 commission or authority established by special act or regional  
1104 [planning agency] council of governments. Any municipality, in  
1105 addition to such powers as it has under the provisions of the general  
1106 statutes or any special act, may, by ordinance or regulation, prohibit  
1107 any member or employee of any municipal board or agency or any  
1108 official, officer or employee of such municipality from (1) being  
1109 financially interested, or having any personal beneficial interest, either  
1110 directly or indirectly, in any contract or purchase order for any  
1111 supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services furnished to or  
1112 used by any such municipality, board or agency, and (2) accepting or  
1113 receiving, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation  
1114 to which any contract or purchase order may be awarded by such  
1115 municipality, by rebate, gifts or otherwise, any money, or anything of  
1116 value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future  
1117 reward or compensation. Such municipalities may prescribe penalties  
1118 for the violation of any ordinance or regulation enacted pursuant to  
1119 this section, including the voidance of any municipal purchase,  
1120 contract or ruling adopted in contravention thereof.

1121 Sec. 27. Subsection (e) of section 8-2j of the general statutes is  
1122 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1123 *January 1, 2015*):

1124 (e) The commission may seek the recommendations of any town

1125 agency or regional [agency] council or outside specialist with which it  
1126 consults, including, but not limited to, the regional [planning agency]  
1127 council of governments, the municipality's historical society, the  
1128 Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and The University of  
1129 Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Any  
1130 reports or recommendations from such [agencies] councils or  
1131 organizations shall be entered into the public hearing record.

1132 Sec. 28. Section 8-3b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1133 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1134 When the zoning commission of any municipality proposes to  
1135 establish or change a zone or any regulation affecting the use of a zone  
1136 any portion of which is within five hundred feet of the boundary of  
1137 another municipality, [located within the area of operation of a  
1138 regional planning agency,] the zoning commission shall give written  
1139 notice of its proposal to each regional [planning agency] council of  
1140 governments for the region or regions in which it and the other  
1141 municipality are located. Such notice shall be made by certified mail,  
1142 return receipt requested, or by electronic mail to the electronic mail  
1143 address designated by the regional [planning agency] council of  
1144 governments on the [agency's] council's Internet web site for receipt of  
1145 such notice, not later than thirty days before the public hearing to be  
1146 held in relation thereto. If such notice is sent by electronic mail and the  
1147 zoning commission does not receive an electronic mail message from a  
1148 regional [planning agency] council of governments confirming receipt  
1149 of such notice, then not later than twenty-five days before the public  
1150 hearing, the zoning commission shall also send such notice by certified  
1151 mail, return receipt requested, to such [planning agency] council. The  
1152 regional [planning agency] council of governments shall study such  
1153 proposal and shall report its findings and recommendations thereon to  
1154 the zoning commission at or before the hearing, and such report shall  
1155 be made a part of the record of such hearing. The report of any  
1156 regional [planning agency] council of governments of any region that  
1157 is contiguous to Long Island Sound shall include findings and

1158 recommendations on the environmental impact of the proposal on the  
1159 ecosystem and habitat of Long Island Sound. If such report of the  
1160 regional [planning agency] council of governments is not submitted at  
1161 or before the hearing, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council  
1162 does not disapprove of the proposal. A regional [planning agency]  
1163 council of governments receiving such a notice may transmit such  
1164 notice to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his  
1165 or her designee for comment. The [planning agency] council may  
1166 designate its [executive committee] regional planning commission to  
1167 act for it under this section. [or may establish a subcommittee for the  
1168 purpose.] The report of said [planning agency] council shall be purely  
1169 advisory.

1170 Sec. 29. Subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section 8-23 of the  
1171 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1172 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1173 (4) At least sixty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,  
1174 the commission shall submit a copy of such plan or part thereof or  
1175 amendment thereto to the regional [planning agency] council of  
1176 governments for review and comment. The regional [planning agency]  
1177 council of governments shall submit an advisory report along with its  
1178 comments to the commission at or before the hearing. Such comments  
1179 shall include a finding on the consistency of the plan with (A) the  
1180 regional plan of conservation and development, adopted under section  
1181 8-35a, as amended by this act, (B) the state plan of conservation and  
1182 development, adopted pursuant to chapter 297, and (C) the plans of  
1183 conservation and development of other municipalities in the area of  
1184 operation of the regional [planning agency] council of governments.  
1185 The commission may render a decision on the plan without the report  
1186 of the regional [planning agency] council of governments.

1187 Sec. 30. Section 8-26b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1188 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1189 Whenever a subdivision of land is planned, the area of which will

1190 abut or include land in two or more municipalities, [one or both of  
1191 which are within a region or regions having a regional planning  
1192 agency or agencies,] the planning commission, where one exists, of  
1193 each such municipality shall, before approving the plan, give written  
1194 notice of such subdivision plan to each regional [planning agency]  
1195 council of governments for the region or regions in which it and the  
1196 other municipality are located. Such notice shall be made by certified  
1197 mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic mail to the electronic  
1198 mail address designated by the regional [planning agency] council of  
1199 governments on the [agency's] council's Internet web site for receipt of  
1200 such notice, not later than thirty days before the public hearing to be  
1201 held in relation thereto. If such notice is sent by electronic mail and the  
1202 planning commission does not receive an electronic mail message from  
1203 a regional [planning agency] council of governments confirming  
1204 receipt of such notice, then not later than twenty-five days before the  
1205 public hearing, the planning commission shall also send such notice by  
1206 certified mail, return receipt requested, to such [planning agency]  
1207 council. A regional [planning agency] council of governments  
1208 receiving such notice shall, at or before the hearing report to each such  
1209 planning commission and to the proponent of such subdivision on its  
1210 findings on the intermunicipal aspects of the proposed subdivision,  
1211 including street layout, storm drainage, sewer and water service and  
1212 such other matters as it considers appropriate. If such report of a  
1213 regional [planning agency] council of governments is not submitted, at  
1214 or before the hearing, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council  
1215 does not disapprove of the proposed subdivision. A regional [planning  
1216 agency] council of governments may designate its [executive  
1217 committee] regional planning commission to act for it under this  
1218 section. [or it may establish a subcommittee for the purpose.] The  
1219 report of such regional [planning agency] council of governments shall  
1220 be purely advisory.

1221 Sec. 31. Section 8-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1222 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1223 (a) At least once every ten years, each regional [planning agency]  
1224 council of governments shall make a plan of conservation and  
1225 development for its area of operation, showing its recommendations  
1226 for the general use of the area including land use, housing, principal  
1227 highways and freeways, bridges, airports, parks, playgrounds,  
1228 recreational areas, schools, public institutions, public utilities,  
1229 agriculture and such other matters as, in the opinion of the [agency]  
1230 council, will be beneficial to the area. Any regional plan so developed  
1231 shall be based on studies of physical, social, economic and  
1232 governmental conditions and trends and shall be designed to promote  
1233 with the greatest efficiency and economy the coordinated development  
1234 of its area of operation and the general welfare and prosperity of its  
1235 people. Such plan may encourage energy-efficient patterns of  
1236 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy,  
1237 and energy conservation. Such plan shall be designed to promote  
1238 abatement of the pollution of the waters and air of the region. The  
1239 regional plan shall identify areas where it is feasible and prudent (1) to  
1240 have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use  
1241 development patterns and land reuse, and (2) to promote such  
1242 development patterns and land reuse and shall note any  
1243 inconsistencies with the following growth management principles: (A)  
1244 Redevelopment and revitalization of regional centers and areas of  
1245 mixed land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure; (B)  
1246 expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to  
1247 accommodate a variety of household types and needs; (C)  
1248 concentration of development around transportation nodes and along  
1249 major transportation corridors to support the viability of  
1250 transportation options and land reuse; (D) conservation and  
1251 restoration of the natural environment, cultural and historical  
1252 resources and traditional rural lands; (E) protection of environmental  
1253 assets critical to public health and safety; and (F) integration of  
1254 planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local,  
1255 regional and state-wide basis. The plan of each region contiguous to  
1256 Long Island Sound shall be designed to reduce hypoxia, pathogens,  
1257 toxic contaminants and floatable debris in Long Island Sound.

1258 (b) Before adopting the regional plan of conservation and  
1259 development or any part thereof or amendment thereto the [agency]  
1260 regional council of governments shall hold at least one public hearing  
1261 thereon, notice of the time, place and subject of which shall be given in  
1262 writing to the chief executive officer and planning commission, where  
1263 one exists, of each member town, city or borough. Notice of the time,  
1264 place and subject of such hearing shall be published once in a  
1265 newspaper having a substantial circulation in the region. Such notices  
1266 shall be given not more than twenty days or less than ten days before  
1267 such hearing. At least sixty-five days before the public hearing the  
1268 regional [planning agency] council of governments shall post the plan  
1269 on the Internet web site of the [agency] council, if any, and submit the  
1270 plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for  
1271 findings in the form of comments and recommendations. By October 1,  
1272 2011, the secretary shall establish, by regulations adopted in  
1273 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, criteria for such findings  
1274 which shall include procedures for a uniform review of regional plans  
1275 of conservation and development to determine if a proposed regional  
1276 plan of conservation and development is not inconsistent with the  
1277 state plan of conservation and development and the state economic  
1278 strategic plan. The regional [planning agency] council of governments  
1279 shall note on the record any inconsistency with the state plan of  
1280 conservation and development and the reasons for such inconsistency.  
1281 Adoption of the plan or part thereof or amendment thereto shall be  
1282 made by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the  
1283 representatives on the [agency] council. The plan shall be posted on  
1284 the Internet web site of the [agency] council, if any, and a copy of the  
1285 plan or of any amendments thereto, signed by the chairman of the  
1286 [agency] council, shall be transmitted to the chief executive officers, the  
1287 town, city or borough clerks, as the case may be, and to planning  
1288 commissions, if any, in member towns, cities or boroughs, and to the  
1289 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his or her  
1290 designee. The regional [planning agency] council of governments shall  
1291 notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of any  
1292 inconsistency with the state plan of conservation and development and



1293 the reasons therefor.

1294 [(c) The regional planning agency shall revise the plan of  
1295 conservation and development not more than three years after July 1,  
1296 2005.]

1297 [(d)] (c) The regional [planning agency] council of governments  
1298 shall assist municipalities within its region and state agencies and may  
1299 assist other public and private agencies in developing and carrying out  
1300 any regional plan or plans of such [regional planning agency] council.  
1301 The regional [planning agency] council of governments may provide  
1302 administrative, management, technical or planning assistance to  
1303 municipalities within its region and other public agencies under such  
1304 terms as it may determine, provided, prior to entering into an  
1305 agreement for assistance to any municipality or other public agency,  
1306 the regional [planning agency] council of governments shall have  
1307 adopted a policy governing such assistance. The regional [planning  
1308 agency] council of governments may be compensated by the  
1309 municipality or other public agency with which an agreement for  
1310 assistance has been made for all or part of the cost of such assistance.

1311 Sec. 32. Section 8-35e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1312 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1313 (a) Two or more regional [planning agencies] councils of  
1314 governments may establish one or more [interagency] intercouncil  
1315 committees to recommend policies relating to matters of an  
1316 interregional nature, provided each participating [agency] council shall  
1317 have first adopted a resolution authorizing establishment of any such  
1318 [interagency] intercouncil committees and defining the scope of its  
1319 duties.

1320 (b) Two or more regional [planning agencies] councils of  
1321 governments may share staff and staff from one [agency] council may  
1322 work in the area of another [agency] council, provided each [agency]  
1323 council involved in such a cooperative effort shall have first adopted a

1324 resolution authorizing such action and specifying the extent of  
1325 cooperation and the terms under which it is to be provided.

1326 Sec. 33. Subsection (a) of section 8-37u of the general statutes is  
1327 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1328 *January 1, 2015*):

1329 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
1330 shall work with [regional planning agencies, regional councils of  
1331 elected officials,] regional councils of governments, municipalities and  
1332 municipal agencies, housing authorities and other appropriate  
1333 agencies for the purpose of coordinating housing policy and housing  
1334 activities, provided such coordination shall not be construed to restrict  
1335 or diminish any power, right or authority granted to any municipality,  
1336 agency, instrumentality, commission or any administrative or  
1337 executive head thereof in accordance with the other provisions of the  
1338 general statutes to proceed with any programs, projects or activities.

1339 Sec. 34. Subsection (f) of section 8-163 of the general statutes is  
1340 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1341 *January 1, 2015*):

1342 (f) ["Regional planning agency"] "Regional council of governments"  
1343 means the regional [planning agency] council of governments created  
1344 under [chapter 127] section 4-124j, as amended by this act;

1345 Sec. 35. Section 8-165 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1346 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1347 In furtherance of the requirement of the federal act for an overall  
1348 economic development program, the municipal economic  
1349 development commission, if a redevelopment area consists of a single  
1350 town or city within this state, shall be charged with the preparation  
1351 and implementation of an overall economic development program. If a  
1352 redevelopment area includes two or more towns or cities, the regional  
1353 economic development commission including the several towns and  
1354 cities defined in such an area shall prepare and implement an overall

1355 economic development program. In the preparation of such overall  
1356 economic development program, the regional [planning agency, if  
1357 any,] council of governments of which the municipality or several  
1358 municipalities included within the redevelopment area are members [.]  
1359 shall submit recommendations and comments upon such overall  
1360 economic development program to the municipal or regional economic  
1361 development commission submitting such program. In any such  
1362 redevelopment area in which there is no municipal or regional  
1363 economic development commission [which] that has submitted such  
1364 an overall economic development program within one hundred and  
1365 twenty days after designation of the area as a redevelopment area by  
1366 the Secretary of Commerce, the regional [planning agency] council of  
1367 governments shall prepare and submit an overall economic  
1368 development program for such area. This shall not preclude the  
1369 preparation and submission of an overall economic development  
1370 program by any private or nonprofit organization or association  
1371 representing the redevelopment area or any part thereof.  
1372 Municipalities, municipal and regional economic development  
1373 commissions and regional [planning agencies] councils of  
1374 governments may accept federal grants and aid for preparation of such  
1375 overall economic development programs.

1376 Sec. 36. Section 8-191 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1378 (a) Before the development agency adopts a plan for a development  
1379 project, (1) the planning commission of the municipality shall find that  
1380 the plan is in accord with the plan of development for the  
1381 municipality; and (2) the regional [planning agency, if any,] council of  
1382 governments for the region within which such municipality is located  
1383 shall find that such plan is in accord with the plan of development for  
1384 such region, or if such [agency] council fails to make a finding  
1385 concerning the plan within thirty-five days of receipt of the plan by  
1386 such [agency] council, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council  
1387 does not disapprove of the plan; and (3) the development agency shall

1388 hold at least one public hearing on the plan. At least thirty-five days  
1389 prior to any public hearing, the development agency shall post the  
1390 plan on the Internet web site of the development agency, if any. Upon  
1391 approval by the development agency, the agency shall submit the plan  
1392 to the legislative body which shall vote to approve or disapprove the  
1393 plan. After approval of the plan by the legislative body, the  
1394 development agency shall submit the plan for approval to the  
1395 commissioner. Notice of the time, place and subject of any public  
1396 hearing held under this section shall be published once in a newspaper  
1397 of general circulation in the municipality, such publication to be made  
1398 not less than one week nor more than three weeks prior to the date set  
1399 for the hearing. In the event the commissioner requires a substantial  
1400 modification of the project plan before giving approval, then upon the  
1401 completion of such modification such plan shall first have a public  
1402 hearing and then be approved by the development agency and the  
1403 legislative body. Any legislative body, agency or commission in  
1404 approving a plan for a development project shall specifically approve  
1405 the findings made in the plan.

1406 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section with respect to  
1407 submission of a development project to and approval by the  
1408 commissioner shall not apply to a project for which no grant has been  
1409 made under section 8-190 and no application for a grant is to be made  
1410 under section 8-195.

1411 Sec. 37. Subsection (c) of section 8-206 of the general statutes is  
1412 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1413 *January 1, 2015*):

1414 (c) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
1415 may make available technical and financial assistance and advisory  
1416 services to any municipality, municipal agency, local housing  
1417 authority, human resource development agency, [regional planning  
1418 agency, regional council of elected officials,] regional council of  
1419 governments, housing sponsor, prospective housing sponsor or other  
1420 appropriate agency, or the Connecticut Housing Authority, for any

1421 activity pertinent to the development, preservation, repair or  
1422 rehabilitation of housing or for urban renewal, redevelopment or  
1423 community development activities as defined in chapter 130, provided  
1424 any financial assistance to a [regional planning agency,] regional  
1425 council of governments [or a regional council of elected officials] shall  
1426 have the prior approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
1427 Management, or his or her designee. Financial, technical or advisory  
1428 assistance shall be rendered upon such contractual arrangements as  
1429 may be agreed upon by the commissioner and any such municipality,  
1430 agency, authority, council or sponsor in accordance with their  
1431 respective needs.

1432 Sec. 38. Subsection (b) of section 8-385 of the general statutes is  
1433 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1434 *January 1, 2015*):

1435 (b) The Housing Advisory Committee shall: (1) Advise the General  
1436 Assembly, the Governor, the Commissioner of Economic and  
1437 Community Development and the Connecticut Housing Finance  
1438 Authority on matters relating to housing programs and policies; (2)  
1439 provide legislative recommendations relating to housing matters to the  
1440 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the  
1441 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the General Assembly; (3)  
1442 monitor the housing-related activities of the regional [planning  
1443 agencies under chapter 127] councils of governments; and (4) promote  
1444 coordination on housing matters among state agencies.

1445 Sec. 39. Subdivision (77) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is  
1446 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1447 *January 1, 2015*):

1448 (77) Real property belonging to, or held in trust for, [a regional  
1449 council of elected officials established under sections 4-124c to 4-124f,  
1450 inclusive,] a regional council of governments established under  
1451 sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, [or a  
1452 regional planning agency organized under sections 8-31a to 8-37b,

1453 inclusive,] provided (A) such property is used to advance the official  
1454 duties of such council, [or agency,] and (B) the exemption for such  
1455 property is approved by the municipality in which such property is  
1456 located.

1457 Sec. 40. Section 13b-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1458 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1459 The Commissioner of Transportation shall develop guidelines for  
1460 the design and construction of roads and streets in residential  
1461 subdivisions. Such guidelines shall be based upon considerations of  
1462 safety, maintenance and cost effectiveness and shall be distributed to  
1463 municipal [and regional] planning agencies and regional councils of  
1464 governments throughout the state who may use such standards in the  
1465 adoption of municipal subdivision regulations.

1466 Sec. 41. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 13b-57d of the  
1467 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1468 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1469 (5) "Local planning agency" means a metropolitan planning  
1470 organization, as provided in 23 USC 134, [a regional planning agency,  
1471 as provided in section 8-31a,] or a [regional] council, [of elected  
1472 officials,] as defined in subdivision [(2)] (4) of section 4-124i, as  
1473 amended by this act; [, or a council, as defined in subsection (f) of  
1474 section 4-124c;]

1475 Sec. 42. Section 13b-78l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1476 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1477 The Commissioner of Transportation shall:

1478 (1) Acquire not less than three hundred forty-two self-propelled rail  
1479 cars for use on the New Haven Line;

1480 (2) Design and construct rail maintenance facilities to support the  
1481 self-propelled rail cars;

1482 (3) Design and construct operational improvements to Interstate 95  
1483 between Greenwich and North Stonington;

1484 (4) Purchase twenty-five transit buses; and

1485 (5) In consultation with cognizant metropolitan planning  
1486 organizations [, regional planning agencies, regional councils of  
1487 elected officials] and regional councils of governments, evaluate,  
1488 design and construct transportation system improvements other than  
1489 projects on Interstate 95.

1490 Sec. 43. Subsection (f) of section 13b-79p of the general statutes is  
1491 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1492 *January 1, 2015*):

1493 (f) The commissioner is authorized to enter into grant and cost-  
1494 sharing agreements with local governments, transit districts [, regional  
1495 planning agencies] and regional councils of governments in connection  
1496 with the implementation of projects funded pursuant to subsections (a)  
1497 and (c) of this section.

1498 Sec. 44. Section 16-243z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1499 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1500 (a) For purposes of this section, ["regional planning agency" and  
1501 "regional council of elected officials" have the same meanings as  
1502 provided in section 4-124i,] "regional council of governments" has the  
1503 same meaning as "council" in section 4-124i, as amended by this act,  
1504 and "electric company" and "electric distribution company" have the  
1505 same meanings as provided in section 16-1.

1506 (b) Upon the request of the geographic information systems or  
1507 geospatial information systems analyst or coordinator, or any  
1508 equivalent official, of any municipality or [of any regional planning  
1509 agency, regional council of elected officials or] regional council of  
1510 governments, an electric company or electric distribution company  
1511 shall provide to such analyst, coordinator or official any geographic

1512 information systems or geospatial information systems data for such  
1513 electric or electric distribution company's service area identifying  
1514 utility pole data for poles owned or jointly owned by such company in  
1515 such municipality or the area served by such [regional planning  
1516 agency, regional council of elected officials or] regional council of  
1517 governments. Such data shall include pole ownership, identification  
1518 number, XY coordinate location, pole height, pole classification and  
1519 wattage size of street lights or post lights.

1520 (c) Upon the request of a municipality for public safety reasons  
1521 during an emergency, an electric company or electric distribution  
1522 company may provide to such municipality the location of electric  
1523 service accounts that are coded by such company as medical hardship  
1524 accounts within such municipality.

1525 (d) Prior to receipt of data from an electric company or electric  
1526 distribution company under this section, a municipality [, regional  
1527 planning agency, regional council of elected officials] or regional  
1528 council of governments shall demonstrate to such company that it has  
1529 implemented appropriate procedures to protect the confidentiality of  
1530 the information. Any data provided by such company to a  
1531 municipality [, regional planning agency, regional council of elected  
1532 officials] or regional council of governments pursuant to this section  
1533 shall be used by such entity for internal use only, and shall not be  
1534 publicly disclosed by the municipality [, regional planning agency,  
1535 regional council of elected officials] or regional council of governments  
1536 or be subject to any public disclosure requirement without the prior  
1537 consent of the electric company or electric distribution company, as  
1538 applicable, and shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of  
1539 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

1540 Sec. 45. Section 16a-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1541 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1542 The Office of Policy and Management shall:



1543 (1) Formulate and prepare state-wide or interregional plans for the  
1544 physical, social and economic development of the state. Such plans  
1545 may be prepared jointly or in consultation with other state, interstate,  
1546 federal, regional or local agencies. Such plans may include, but need  
1547 not be limited to, (A) demographic projections, (B) economic  
1548 projections, (C) land use and water considerations, (D) transportation  
1549 requirements, (E) environmental considerations, (F) energy capabilities  
1550 and requirements, (G) public facilities, (H) labor needs and skills, (I)  
1551 educational objectives, (J) housing needs and (K) health needs;

1552 (2) Receive for review, information and recommendations, plans  
1553 proposed by any state agency acting alone or jointly [which] that has  
1554 among its duties planning responsibilities relating to those  
1555 considerations set forth in subdivision (1) of this section or similar  
1556 subjects;

1557 (3) Coordinate regional and state planning activities and accomplish  
1558 such planning review activities as may be necessary;

1559 (4) Designate or redesignate logical planning regions within the  
1560 state [and promote and assist in the promotion and continuation of  
1561 regional planning agencies under chapter 127. Such planning regions  
1562 shall be redesignated] in accordance with section 16a-4c, as amended  
1563 by this act;

1564 (5) Provide for technical aid and the administration of financial  
1565 assistance to [regional planning agencies established under chapter 127  
1566 or any regional council of elected officials in any region without a  
1567 regional planning agency or] any regional council of governments  
1568 organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by  
1569 this act, under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by  
1570 the secretary;

1571 (6) Accept from any source funds, revenue or other consideration  
1572 available to this state for interstate, state, regional, interregional or area  
1573 planning activities or projects and provide for the administration of

1574 such funds, revenues or other consideration;

1575 (7) Make available to the public, for a reasonable fee, all reports,  
1576 testing results and other material developed or procured as a result of  
1577 activities authorized by this section, section 16a-14, as amended by this  
1578 act, and section 16a-14b; and

1579 (8) Provide technical assistance to municipalities that want to  
1580 aggregate electric generation services.

1581 Sec. 46. Section 22-26j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1582 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1583 The Department of Agriculture shall establish and administer a  
1584 farm viability matching grant program to any agricultural not-for-  
1585 profit organization, municipality, group of municipalities, [regional  
1586 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127,  
1587 regional council of elected officials organized under the provisions of  
1588 chapter 50,] regional council of governments organized under the  
1589 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this  
1590 act, or group of municipalities [which] that have established a regional  
1591 interlocal agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, to  
1592 further agricultural viability. Such grants may be used for the  
1593 following purposes: (1) Local capital projects that foster agricultural  
1594 viability, including, but not limited to, processing facilities and  
1595 farmers' markets; (2) the development and implementation of  
1596 agriculturally-friendly land use regulations and local farmland  
1597 protection strategies that sustain and promote local agriculture; and (3)  
1598 the development of new marketing programs and venues through or  
1599 in which a majority of products sold are grown in the state.

1600 Sec. 47. Section 22a-134l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1601 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1602 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may,  
1603 within available appropriations, make a grant or loan to any  
1604 municipality, group of municipalities, [regional planning agency

1605 organized under the provisions of chapter 127, regional council of  
1606 elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter 50,] regional  
1607 council of [government] governments organized under the provisions  
1608 of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, or group  
1609 of municipalities [which] that have established a regional interlocal  
1610 agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, for the  
1611 planning of regional facilities for the purpose of collection and disposal  
1612 of household hazardous waste. The commissioner may adopt  
1613 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry  
1614 out the purposes of this section.

1615 Sec. 48. Section 22a-134m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1616 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1617 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
1618 coordinate a program of chemical disposal days for the collection and  
1619 disposal of hazardous household chemicals in any municipality or  
1620 group of municipalities [, in the area of operation of any regional  
1621 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, in the  
1622 planning region of any regional council of elected officials organized  
1623 under the provisions of chapter 50,] or in the participating towns in  
1624 any regional council of [government] governments organized under  
1625 the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by  
1626 this act. The commissioner shall develop guidelines for such chemical  
1627 disposal days.

1628 Sec. 49. Subsection (a) of section 22a-134n of the general statutes is  
1629 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1630 *January 1, 2015*):

1631 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection  
1632 may, within available appropriations, make a grant to any  
1633 municipality, any group of municipalities [, any regional planning  
1634 agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional  
1635 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter  
1636 50,] or any regional council of [government] governments organized

1637 under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as  
1638 amended by this act, sponsoring a chemical disposal day. The grant  
1639 shall be not more than fifty per cent of the cost to the grantee of  
1640 conducting such chemical disposal day. An application for a grant  
1641 shall include a plan for a chemical disposal day which shall comply  
1642 with any guidelines developed by the commissioner pursuant to  
1643 section 22a-134m, as amended by this act.

1644 Sec. 50. Subsection (a) of section 22a-134o of the general statutes is  
1645 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1646 *January 1, 2015*):

1647 (a) Any municipality, any group of municipalities [, any regional  
1648 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any  
1649 regional council of elected officials organized under the provisions of  
1650 chapter 50,] or any regional council of [government] governments  
1651 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,  
1652 as amended by this act, sponsoring a chemical disposal day shall enter  
1653 into a contract with a hazardous waste transporter or waste collection  
1654 company licensed under section 22a-454 to dispose of the hazardous  
1655 waste collected during a chemical disposal day. Such contract shall (1)  
1656 make the transporter or company, upon receipt of hazardous waste,  
1657 liable for any violation of a federal or state statute concerning the  
1658 generation, transportation or disposal of hazardous waste, (2) identify  
1659 the transporter or company as the generator of hazardous waste  
1660 collected and (3) make the transporter or company responsible for  
1661 providing material and equipment for handling, labeling, loading and  
1662 transporting hazardous waste.

1663 Sec. 51. Section 22a-223 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1664 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1665 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may,  
1666 from proceeds of the sale of state bonds allocated by the State Bond  
1667 Commission to the Department of Energy and Environmental  
1668 Protection in accordance with subdivision (8) of subsection (e) of

1669 section 2 of special act 82-46, provide funds to any municipality, any  
1670 group of municipalities [, any regional planning agency organized  
1671 under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional council of elected  
1672 officials organized under the provisions of chapter 50] or any regional  
1673 council of governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-  
1674 124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, for a preliminary  
1675 feasibility study of an energy recovery system or an incinerator. Any  
1676 such study shall be prepared in consultation with said commissioner  
1677 and shall include but not be limited to an investigation of the markets  
1678 for the system, identification of the waste stream, cost estimates of  
1679 system construction and the cost per ton of solid waste disposal. The  
1680 amount of such funds granted for any single study shall not exceed  
1681 eighty per cent of the total cost of such study and in no event shall the  
1682 total amount granted for any single study exceed twenty-five thousand  
1683 dollars.

1684 Sec. 52. Section 22a-353 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1685 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1686 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his or her  
1687 designee shall be the contractor for the purposes of sections 22a-352 to  
1688 22a-354, inclusive, and may engage consultants or arrange for other  
1689 technical assistance to implement the work program, and within the  
1690 limitations of the budget, developed under subdivision (1) of  
1691 subsection (a) of section 22a-352. The Secretary of the Office of Policy  
1692 and Management, or his or her designee, may make grants to any  
1693 [regional planning agency established under authority of chapter 127,  
1694 any regional council of elected officials in any region where there is no  
1695 regional planning agency or any] regional council of governments  
1696 organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by  
1697 this act, for the purpose of preparing regional plans for water and  
1698 sewer facilities. Such grants may cover retroactively work initiated by  
1699 a regional planning agency after January 1, 1967. The Secretary of the  
1700 Office of Policy and Management or his or her designee shall apply for  
1701 any and all funds available from the federal government to support

1702 such planning work and shall see that regional [planning agencies,  
1703 regional councils of elected officials or] councils of [government]  
1704 governments receiving state grants take similar advantage of available  
1705 federal funds in order to reduce expenditure of funds appropriated  
1706 under section 22a-354, provided utilization of such federal funds shall  
1707 not unduly delay the conduct of said study.

1708 Sec. 53. Subsection (b) of section 23-101 of the general statutes is  
1709 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1710 *January 1, 2015*):

1711 (b) There is established a greenways small grants program which  
1712 shall be administered by the Commissioner of Energy and  
1713 Environmental Protection. The commissioner may, within available  
1714 appropriations, make a grant to any municipality [, regional planning  
1715 agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional  
1716 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter  
1717 50,] or any regional council of [government] governments organized  
1718 under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as  
1719 amended by this act, and nongovernmental organizations for  
1720 planning, design and implementation of greenway projects. Any grant  
1721 shall be not more than five thousand dollars and the total amount of all  
1722 grants under this subsection shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars in  
1723 any fiscal year. Land acquisition costs shall not be eligible for  
1724 reimbursement with grants under this section.

1725 Sec. 54. Subdivision (1) of section 25-68j of the general statutes is  
1726 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1727 *January 1, 2015*):

1728 (1) "Eligible applicant" means any municipality [, regional planning  
1729 agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional  
1730 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter  
1731 50,] or any regional council of [government] governments organized  
1732 under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as  
1733 amended by this act;

1734 Sec. 55. Subsection (e) of section 25-204 of the general statutes is  
1735 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1736 *January 1, 2015*):

1737 (e) After adoption pursuant to subsection (d) of this section of an  
1738 inventory, statement of objectives and map, the river committee shall  
1739 prepare a report on all federal, state and municipal laws, plans,  
1740 programs and proposed activities which may affect the river corridor  
1741 defined in such map. Such laws shall include regulations adopted  
1742 pursuant to chapter 440 and zoning, subdivision and site plan  
1743 regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-3. Such plans shall include  
1744 plans of conservation and development adopted pursuant to section 8-  
1745 23, as amended by this act, the state plan for conservation and  
1746 development, water utility supply plans adopted pursuant to section  
1747 25-32d, coordinated water system plans adopted pursuant to section  
1748 25-33h, municipal open space plans, the commissioner's fish and  
1749 wildlife plans, the master transportation plan adopted pursuant to  
1750 section 13b-15, [plans prepared by regional planning agencies  
1751 pursuant to section 8-31a,] and publicly-owned wastewater treatment  
1752 facility plans. State and regional agencies shall, within available  
1753 resources, assist the river committee in identifying such laws, plans,  
1754 programs and proposed activities. The report to be prepared pursuant  
1755 to this section shall identify any conflicts between such federal, state,  
1756 regional and municipal laws, plans, programs and proposed activities  
1757 and the river committee's objectives for river corridor protection and  
1758 preservation as reflected in the statement of objectives. If conflicts are  
1759 identified, the river committee shall notify the applicable state,  
1760 regional or municipal agencies and such agencies shall, within  
1761 available resources, attempt with the river commission to resolve such  
1762 conflicts.

1763 Sec. 56. Subsection (b) of section 32-1c of the general statutes is  
1764 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1765 *January 1, 2015*):

1766 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development

1767 may make available technical and financial assistance and advisory  
1768 services to any appropriate agency, authority, [or] commission or  
1769 council for planning and other functions pertinent to economic  
1770 development provided any financial assistance to a [regional planning  
1771 agency or a regional council of elected officials] regional council of  
1772 governments shall have the prior approval of the Secretary of the  
1773 Office of Policy and Management or his designee. Financial assistance  
1774 shall be rendered upon such contractual arrangements as may be  
1775 agreed upon by the commissioner and any such agency, authority, [or]  
1776 commission or council in accordance with their respective needs, and  
1777 the commissioner may determine the qualifications of personnel or  
1778 consultants to be engaged for such assistance.

1779 Sec. 57. Subsection (a) of section 32-7 of the general statutes is  
1780 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1781 *January 1, 2015*):

1782 (a) The department is authorized to (1) promote and assist the  
1783 formation of municipal or regional economic development  
1784 commissions under sections 7-136 and 7-137, or any other provision of  
1785 the general statutes or any special act; and (2) make available technical  
1786 and financial assistance to any municipal or regional economic  
1787 development commission, regional economic development  
1788 corporation [, regional planning agency organized under the  
1789 provisions of chapter 127,] or a regional council of governments  
1790 organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by  
1791 this act. [, or any regional council of elected officials organized under  
1792 the provisions of chapter 50 for planning and implementation of  
1793 regional economic development.] Such financial assistance may be  
1794 provided to expand or establish the capacity for planning and  
1795 implementation of regional economic development, including, but not  
1796 limited to, business retention and recruitment, infrastructure  
1797 enhancement, labor force development and financial credit availability.  
1798 Financial assistance may be used for strategic economic development  
1799 plans, establishment of regional economic databases, regional



1800 marketing for business retention and recruitment, coordination of  
1801 economic development efforts with regional, local, state and federal  
1802 agencies, surveys, land use studies, site development plans and for any  
1803 other functions of economic development commissions as set forth in  
1804 said sections 7-136 and 7-137 or any other provision of the general  
1805 statutes or any special act.

1806 Sec. 58. Subsection (p) of section 32-23d of the general statutes is  
1807 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1808 *January 1, 2015*):

1809 (p) ["Regional planning agency"] "Regional council of governments"  
1810 means a regional [planning agency] council of governments created  
1811 under [chapter 127] section 4-124j, as amended by this act.

1812 Sec. 59. Section 32-23e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1813 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1814 To accomplish the purposes of the corporation, which are hereby  
1815 determined to be public purposes for which public funds may be  
1816 expended, and in addition to any other powers provided by law, the  
1817 corporation shall have power to: (1) Determine the location and  
1818 character of any project to be financed under the provisions of said  
1819 chapters and sections, provided any financial assistance shall be  
1820 approved in accordance with written procedures prepared pursuant to  
1821 subdivision (14) of this section; (2) purchase, receive, by gift or  
1822 otherwise, lease, exchange, or otherwise acquire, and construct,  
1823 reconstruct, improve, maintain, equip and furnish one or more  
1824 projects, including all real and personal property which the  
1825 corporation may deem necessary in connection therewith, and to enter  
1826 into a contract with a person therefor upon such terms and conditions  
1827 as the corporation shall determine to be reasonable, including but not  
1828 limited to reimbursement for the planning, designing, financing,  
1829 construction, reconstruction, improvement, equipping, furnishing,  
1830 operation and maintenance of the project and any claims arising  
1831 therefrom and establishment and maintenance of reserve and

1832 insurance funds with respect to the financing of the project; (3) insure  
1833 any or all payments to be made by the borrower under the terms of  
1834 any agreement for the extension of credit or making of a loan by the  
1835 corporation in connection with any economic development project to  
1836 be financed, wholly or in part, through the issuance of bonds or  
1837 mortgage payments of any mortgage which is given by a mortgagor to  
1838 the mortgagee who has provided the mortgage for an economic  
1839 development project upon such terms and conditions as the  
1840 corporation may prescribe and as provided herein, and the faith and  
1841 credit of the state are pledged thereto; (4) in connection with the  
1842 insuring of payments of any mortgage, request for its guidance a  
1843 finding of the municipal planning commission, or, if there is no  
1844 planning commission, a finding of the municipal officers, of the  
1845 municipality in which the economic development project is proposed  
1846 to be located, or of the regional [planning agency] council of  
1847 governments of which such municipality is a member, as to the  
1848 expediency and advisability of the economic development project; (5)  
1849 sell or lease to any person, all or any portion of a project, purchase  
1850 from eligible financial institutions mortgages with respect to economic  
1851 development projects, purchase or repurchase its own bonds, and sell,  
1852 pledge or assign to any person any such bonds, mortgages, or other  
1853 loans, notes, revenues or assets of the corporation, or any interest  
1854 therein, for such consideration and upon such terms as the corporation  
1855 may determine to be reasonable; (6) mortgage or otherwise encumber  
1856 all or any portion of a project whenever it shall find such action to be  
1857 in furtherance of the purposes of said chapters and sections; (7) enter  
1858 into agreements with any person, including prospective mortgagees  
1859 and mortgagors, for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing,  
1860 acquiring, altering and financing projects, providing liquidity or a  
1861 secondary market for mortgages or other financial obligations incurred  
1862 with respect to facilities which would qualify as a project under this  
1863 chapter, purchasing loans made by regional corporations under section  
1864 32-276, or for any other purpose in furtherance of any other power of  
1865 the corporation; (8) grant options to purchase or renew a lease for any  
1866 of its projects on such terms as the corporation may determine to be

1867 reasonable; (9) employ or retain attorneys, accountants and  
1868 architectural, engineering and financial consultants and such other  
1869 employees and agents and to fix their compensation and to employ the  
1870 Connecticut Development Credit Corporation on a cost basis as it shall  
1871 deem necessary to assist it in carrying out the purposes of said  
1872 corporation legislation; (10) accept from a federal agency loans, grants  
1873 or loan guarantees or otherwise participate in any loan, grant, loan  
1874 guarantee or other financing or economic or project development  
1875 program of a federal agency in furtherance of, and consistent with, the  
1876 purposes of the corporation, and enter into agreements with such  
1877 agency respecting any such loans, grants, loan guarantees or federal  
1878 agency programs; (11) provide tenant lease guarantees and  
1879 performance guarantees, invest in, extend credit or make loans to any  
1880 person for the planning, designing, financing, acquiring, constructing,  
1881 reconstructing, improving, expanding, continuing in operation,  
1882 equipping and furnishing of a project and for the refinancing of  
1883 existing indebtedness with respect to any facility or part thereof which  
1884 would qualify as a project in order to facilitate substantial  
1885 improvements thereto, which guarantees, investments, credits or loans  
1886 may be secured by loan agreements, lease agreements, installment sale  
1887 agreements, mortgages, contracts and all other instruments or fees and  
1888 charges, upon such terms and conditions as the corporation shall  
1889 determine to be reasonable in connection with such loans, including  
1890 provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserve and  
1891 insurance funds and in the exercise of powers granted in this section in  
1892 connection with a project for such person, to require the inclusion in  
1893 any contract, loan agreement or other instrument, such provisions for  
1894 the construction, use, operation and maintenance and financing of a  
1895 project as the corporation may deem necessary or desirable; (12) in  
1896 connection with any application for assistance under said corporation  
1897 legislation, or commitments therefor, to make and collect such fees and  
1898 charges as the corporation shall determine to be reasonable; (13) adopt  
1899 procedures, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121, to carry  
1900 out the purposes of the corporation, which may give priority to  
1901 applications for financial assistance based upon the extent the project

1902 will materially contribute to the economic base of the state by creating  
1903 or retaining jobs, providing increased wages or benefits to employees,  
1904 promoting the export of products or services beyond the boundaries of  
1905 the state, encouraging innovation in products or services, encouraging  
1906 defense-dependent business to diversify to nondefense production,  
1907 promoting standards of participation adopted by the Connecticut  
1908 partnership compact pursuant to section 33-374g of the general  
1909 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to 1991, or will otherwise enhance  
1910 existing activities that are important to the economic base of the state,  
1911 provided regulation-making proceedings commenced before January  
1912 1, 1989, shall be governed by sections 4-166 to 4-174, inclusive; (14)  
1913 maintain an office at such place or places within the state as it may  
1914 designate; (15) when it becomes necessary or feasible for the  
1915 corporation to safeguard itself from losses, acquire, purchase, manage  
1916 and operate, hold and dispose of real and personal property, take  
1917 assignments of rentals and leases and make and enter into all  
1918 contracts, leases, agreements and arrangements necessary or incidental  
1919 to the performance of its duties; (16) in order to further the purposes of  
1920 the corporation, or to assure the payment of the principal and interest  
1921 on bonds or notes of the corporation or to safeguard the mortgage  
1922 insurance fund, purchase, acquire and take assignments of notes,  
1923 mortgages and other forms of security and evidences of indebtedness,  
1924 purchase, acquire, attach, seize, accept or take title to any project by  
1925 conveyance or, by foreclosure, and sell, lease or rent any project for a  
1926 use specified in said chapters and sections or in this chapter; (17) do, or  
1927 delegate, any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
1928 purposes and to exercise the powers given and granted to the  
1929 corporation; (18) to accept from the department: (A) Financial  
1930 assistance, (B) revenues or the right to receive revenues with respect to  
1931 any program under the supervision of the department, and (C) loan  
1932 assets or equity interests in connection with any program under the  
1933 supervision of the department; to make advances to and reimburse the  
1934 department for any expenses incurred or to be incurred by it in the  
1935 delivery of such assistance, revenues, rights, assets or amounts; to  
1936 enter into agreements for the delivery of services by the corporation, in

1937 consultation with the department and the Connecticut Housing  
1938 Finance Authority, to third parties which agreements may include  
1939 provisions for payment by the department to the corporation for the  
1940 delivery of such services; and to enter into agreements with the  
1941 department or with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for the  
1942 sharing of assistants, agents and other consultants, professionals and  
1943 employees, and facilities and other real and personal property used in  
1944 the conduct of the corporation's affairs; and (19) to transfer to the  
1945 department: (A) Financial assistance, (B) revenues or the right to  
1946 receive revenues with respect to any program under the supervision of  
1947 the corporation, and (C) loan assets or equity interests in connection  
1948 with any program under the supervision of the corporation, provided  
1949 the transfer of such financial assistance, revenues, rights, assets or  
1950 interests is determined by the corporation to be practicable, within the  
1951 constraints and not inconsistent with the fiduciary obligations of the  
1952 corporation imposed upon or established upon the corporation by any  
1953 provision of the general statutes, the corporation's bond resolutions or  
1954 any other agreement or contract of the authority and to have no  
1955 adverse effect on the tax-exempt status of any bonds of the corporation  
1956 or the state.

1957 Sec. 60. Subsection (h) of section 32-222 of the general statutes is  
1958 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1959 *January 1, 2015*):

1960 (h) "Eligible applicant" means any for-profit or nonprofit  
1961 organization, or any combination thereof, any municipality, regional  
1962 [planning agency] council of governments or any combination thereof  
1963 and further provided, in the case of a loan made by Connecticut  
1964 Innovations, Incorporated in which the department purchases a  
1965 participation interest, "eligible applicant" means the for-profit or  
1966 nonprofit organization, or any combination thereof, that will receive  
1967 the proceeds of such loan;

1968 Sec. 61. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 32-224 of the general  
1969 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

1970 (Effective January 1, 2015):

1971 (b) The implementing agency may initiate a municipal development  
1972 project by preparing and submitting a development plan to the  
1973 commissioner. Such plan shall meet an identified public need and  
1974 include: (1) A legal description of the real property within the  
1975 boundaries of the project area; (2) a description of the present  
1976 condition and uses of such real property; (3) a description of the  
1977 process utilized by the agency to prepare the plan and a description of  
1978 alternative approaches considered to achieve project objectives; (4) a  
1979 description of the types and locations of land uses or building uses  
1980 proposed for the project area; (5) a description of the types and  
1981 locations of present and proposed streets, sidewalks and sanitary,  
1982 utility and other facilities and the types and locations of other  
1983 proposed project improvements; (6) statements of the present and  
1984 proposed zoning classification and subdivision status of the project  
1985 area and the areas adjacent to the project area; (7) a plan for relocating  
1986 project area occupants; (8) a financing plan; (9) an administrative plan;  
1987 (10) an environmental analysis, marketability and proposed land use  
1988 study, or building use study if required by the commissioner; (11)  
1989 appraisal reports and title searches if required by the commissioner;  
1990 (12) a description of the public benefit of the project, including, but not  
1991 limited to, (A) the number of jobs which the implementing agency  
1992 anticipates would be created or retained by the project, (B) the  
1993 estimated property tax benefits, (C) the number and types of existing  
1994 housing units in the municipality in which the project would be  
1995 located, and in contiguous municipalities, which would be available to  
1996 employees filling such jobs, (D) a general description of infrastructure  
1997 improvements, including public access, facilities or use, that the  
1998 implementing agency anticipates may be needed to implement the  
1999 development plan, (E) a general description of the implementing  
2000 agency's goals for blight remediation or, if known, environmental  
2001 remediation, (F) a general description of any aesthetic improvements  
2002 that the implementing agency anticipates may be generated by the  
2003 project, (G) a general description of the project's intended role in

2004 increasing or sustaining market value of land in the municipality, (H) a  
2005 general description of the project's intended role in assisting residents  
2006 of the municipality to improve their standard of living, and (I) a  
2007 general statement of the project's role in maintaining or enhancing the  
2008 competitiveness of the municipality; (13) a finding that (A) the land  
2009 and buildings within the boundaries of the project area will be used  
2010 principally for manufacturing or other economic base business  
2011 purposes or business support services; (B) the plan is in accordance  
2012 with the plan of conservation and development for the municipality, if  
2013 any, adopted by its planning commission under section 8-23, as  
2014 amended by this act, and the plan of development of the regional  
2015 [planning agency] council of governments adopted under section 8-  
2016 35a, as amended by this act, if any, for the region within which the  
2017 municipality is located; (C) the plan was prepared giving due  
2018 consideration to the state plan of conservation and development  
2019 adopted under chapter 297 and other state-wide planning program  
2020 objectives of the state or state agencies as coordinated by the Secretary  
2021 of the Office of Policy and Management; and (D) the project will  
2022 contribute to the economic welfare of the municipality and the state  
2023 and that to carry out and administer the project, public action under  
2024 sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, is required; and (14) a preliminary  
2025 statement describing the proposed process for acquiring each parcel of  
2026 real property, including findings that (A) public benefits resulting  
2027 from the plan will outweigh any private benefits; (B) existing use of the  
2028 real property cannot be feasibly integrated into the overall plan for the  
2029 project; (C) acquisition by eminent domain is reasonably necessary to  
2030 successfully achieve the objectives of such plan; and (D) the plan is not  
2031 for the primary purpose of increasing local tax revenues. The  
2032 provisions of this subsection with respect to submission of a  
2033 development plan to and approval by the commissioner and with  
2034 respect to a finding that the plan was prepared giving due  
2035 consideration to the state plan of conservation and development and  
2036 state-wide planning program objectives of the state or its agencies shall  
2037 not apply to a project for which no financial assistance has been given  
2038 and no application for financial assistance is to be made under section

2039 32-223. Any plan that has been prepared under chapters 130, 132 or  
2040 588a may be submitted by the implementing agency to the legislative  
2041 body of the municipality and to the commissioner in lieu of a plan  
2042 initiated and prepared in accordance with this section, provided all  
2043 other requirements of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, for obtaining  
2044 the approval of the commissioner of the development plan are  
2045 satisfied. Any action taken in connection with the preparation and  
2046 adoption of such plan shall be deemed effective to the extent such  
2047 action satisfies the requirements of said sections.

2048 (c) (1) No plan shall be adopted unless the planning commission of  
2049 the municipality finds that the plan is in accord with the plan of  
2050 development, if any, for the municipality and the regional [planning  
2051 agency, if any,] council of governments organized under [chapter 127]  
2052 section 4-124j, as amended by this act, for the region within which such  
2053 municipality is located finds that such plan is in accord with the plan  
2054 of development, if any, for such region. If the regional [planning  
2055 agency] council of governments fails to make a finding concerning the  
2056 plan within thirty-five days of receipt thereof, by such [agency]  
2057 council, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council does not  
2058 disapprove of the plan. The implementing agency shall hold at least  
2059 one public hearing on the plan and shall cause notice of the time, place,  
2060 and subject of any public hearing to be published at least once in a  
2061 newspaper of general circulation in the municipality not less than one  
2062 week nor more than three weeks prior to the date of such public  
2063 hearing. At least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing, the  
2064 implementing agency shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the  
2065 implementing agency, if any. Upon adoption of the plan the  
2066 implementing agency shall submit the plan to the legislative body of  
2067 the municipality for approval or disapproval. Any approval by the  
2068 implementing agency and legislative body of the municipality made  
2069 under this section shall specifically provide for approval of any  
2070 findings contained therein. After approval of the plan by the legislative  
2071 body of the municipality, the plan shall be submitted to the  
2072 commissioner for his approval. If the commissioner requires a



2073 substantial modification of the plan as a condition of approval, the  
2074 plan shall be subject to a public hearing and approval by the  
2075 implementing agency and the legislative body of the municipality in  
2076 accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

2077 (2) The plan shall be effective for a period of ten years after the date  
2078 of approval and may be amended in accordance with this section. The  
2079 legislative body shall review the plan at least once every ten years after  
2080 the initial approval, and shall reapprove the plan or an amended plan  
2081 at least once every ten years after the initial approval in accordance  
2082 with this section in order for the plan or amended plan to remain in  
2083 effect. With respect to a development plan for a project that is funded  
2084 in whole or in part by federal funds, the provisions of this subdivision  
2085 shall not apply to the extent that such provisions are prohibited by  
2086 federal law.

2087 Sec. 62. Subdivision (2) of section 32-327 of the general statutes is  
2088 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2089 *January 1, 2015*):

2090 (2) "Agency" means any regional economic development  
2091 commission formed under sections 7-136 and 7-137, other regional  
2092 development commission or corporation formed under any other  
2093 provision of the general statutes or any special act, [any regional  
2094 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127,] or  
2095 any regional council of governments organized under sections 4-124i  
2096 to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, [or any regional council of  
2097 elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter 50 for  
2098 planning and implementation of regional economic development,]  
2099 except that for purposes of financial assistance for greenways projects,  
2100 "agency" means a municipality or other organizations.

2101 Sec. 63. Section 4-124p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2102 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2103 Each regional council of governments established under the

2104 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this  
2105 act, is authorized to receive for its own use and purposes any funds  
2106 from any source including the state and federal governments and  
2107 including bequests, gifts and contributions made by any individual,  
2108 corporation or association. Any town, city or borough participating in  
2109 a regional council of governments shall annually appropriate funds for  
2110 the expenses of such council in the performance of its purposes. Such  
2111 funds shall be appropriated and paid in accordance with a dues  
2112 formula established by the regional council of governments. Such  
2113 council may withhold any services it deems advisable from any town,  
2114 city or borough which has failed to pay such dues. Within the amount  
2115 so received, a council may engage employees, and contract with  
2116 professional consultants, municipalities, the state and the federal  
2117 governments, other regional councils of governments [, regional  
2118 councils of elected officials, regional planning agencies] and other  
2119 intertown, regional or metropolitan agencies, or with any one or more  
2120 of them, and may enter into contracts from time to time to carry out its  
2121 purposes. Any such contract shall be approved by action of the  
2122 regional council of governments in a manner prescribed by the council.  
2123 [Any regional council of governments may enter into a contract to  
2124 carry out its purpose with any other regional council of governments,  
2125 any regional council of elected officials, established under sections 4-  
2126 124c to 4-124h, inclusive, or any regional planning agency formed  
2127 under section 8-31a.] The accounts of any regional council of  
2128 governments shall be subject to an annual audit under the provisions  
2129 of chapter 111 and such council shall file an annual report with the  
2130 clerks of its member towns, cities or boroughs, with planning  
2131 commissions, if any, of members, and with the Secretary of the Office  
2132 of Policy and Management, or his designee.

2133 Sec. 64. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) (1) Wherever the term  
2134 "regional planning agency" is used in the following general statutes,  
2135 the term "regional council of governments" shall be substituted in lieu  
2136 thereof; and (2) wherever the term "regional planning agencies" is used  
2137 in the following general statutes, the term "regional councils of

2138 governments" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 8-35b, 8-36c, 8-164, 8-  
2139 166, 8-189, 8-336f, 8-384, 13b-38a, 13b-79ll, 16-32f, 16-50l, 16-358, 16a-28,  
2140 16a-35c, 22-26dd, 22a-102, 22a-118, 22a-137, 22a-207, 22a-211, 22a-352,  
2141 23-8, 25-33e, 22-33f to 25-33h, inclusive, 25-68d, 25-102qq and 25-233.

2142 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the  
2143 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and  
2144 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
2145 section.

2146 Sec. 65. Subsection (c) of section 2 of this act is repealed and the  
2147 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2148 (c) Beginning on January 1, [2014] 2015, and annually thereafter,  
2149 each [regional planning agency, regional council of elected officials  
2150 and] regional council of governments shall submit an annual report to  
2151 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and to the joint  
2152 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
2153 matters relating to municipalities. Such annual report shall include the  
2154 following: (1) A description of any regional program, project or  
2155 initiative provided or planned by such regional council of  
2156 governments; (2) a description of any expenditure, including the  
2157 source of funding, spent on each such regional program, project or  
2158 initiative and a cost-benefit analysis for such expenditure; (3) a list of  
2159 existing services provided by a municipality or by the state that, in the  
2160 opinion of the regional council of governments, could be transferred to  
2161 such regional council of governments and any efficiency associated  
2162 with such transfer; (4) a discussion and review of the performance of  
2163 any regional program, project or initiative, including any  
2164 recommendations for legislative action; and (5) specific annual goals  
2165 and objectives and quantifiable outcome measures for each program,  
2166 project or initiative administered or provided by such regional council  
2167 of governments.

2168 Sec. 66. Section 16a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2169 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2170 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall employ,  
2171 subject to the provisions of chapter 67, such staff as is required for the  
2172 proper discharge of duties of the office as set forth in this chapter and  
2173 sections 4-5, 4-124l, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as amended by this  
2174 act, [8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a, as amended by this act, and 8-189, subsection  
2175 (b) of section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-352 and 22a-353,  
2176 as amended by this act. The secretary may adopt, pursuant to chapter  
2177 54, such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
2178 chapter.

2179 Sec. 67. Section 16a-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2180 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2181 Each department, office, board, commission, council or other agency  
2182 of the state and each officer or employee shall cooperate with the  
2183 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and shall  
2184 furnish him such information, personnel and assistance as may be  
2185 necessary or appropriate in the discharge of the responsibilities of said  
2186 commissioner and the board under this chapter and sections 4-5, 4-  
2187 124l, as amended by this act, 4-124p, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as  
2188 amended by this act, [8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a, as amended by this act, and  
2189 8-189, subsection (b) of section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-  
2190 352 and 22a-353, as amended by this act. The Commissioner of Motor  
2191 Vehicles shall require each person applying for a license under section  
2192 14-319 to submit in his application the information which persons  
2193 registering under section 16a-22d are required to submit. The  
2194 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall furnish the Commissioner of  
2195 Energy and Environmental Protection with such information.

2196 Sec. 68. Section 16a-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2197 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2198 In addition to the duties set forth in any other law, the  
2199 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may: (1) Be  
2200 designated as the state official to implement and execute any federal  
2201 program, law, order, rule or regulation related to the allocation,

rationing, conservation, distribution or consumption of energy resources, (2) investigate any complaint concerning the violation of any federal or state statute, rule, regulation or order pertaining to pricing, allocation, rationing, conservation, distribution or consumption of energy resources and shall transmit any evidence gathered by such investigation to the proper federal or state authorities, (3) coordinate all state and local government programs for the allocation, rationing, conservation, distribution and consumption of energy resources, (4) cooperate with the appropriate authorities of the United States government, or other state or interstate agencies with respect to allocation, rationing, conservation, distribution and consumption of energy resources, (5) conduct programs of public education regarding energy conservation, (6) carry out a program of studies, hearings, inquiries, surveys and analyses necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and sections [4-124c,] 4-124i, as amended by this act, 4-124l, as amended by this act, 4-124p, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as amended by this act, [8-31a, 8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a, as amended by this act, [8-37a] and 8-189, subsection (b) of section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-352 and 22a-353, as amended by this act, provided if an individual or business furnishing commercial or financial information concerning such individual or business requests in writing at the time such information is furnished that it be treated as confidential proprietary information, such information, to the extent that it is limited to (A) volume of sales, shipments, receipts and exchanges of energy resources, (B) inventories of energy resources, and (C) local distribution patterns of energy resources, shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210, (7) enter into contracts with any person to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the functions, powers and duties of the commissioner and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection under this chapter and sections 4-5, 4-124l, as amended by this act, 4-124p, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as amended by this act, [8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a, as amended by this act, and 8-189, subsection (b) of section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-352 and 22a-353, as amended by this act, (8) adopt regulations, in

2237 accordance with chapter 54, to establish standards for solar energy  
2238 systems, including experimental systems, which offer practical  
2239 alternatives to the use of conventional energy with regard to current  
2240 technological feasibility and the climate of this state, and (9) undertake  
2241 such other duties and responsibilities as may be delegated by other  
2242 state statutes or by the Governor.

2243 Sec. 69. Subsection (a) of section 22a-285a of the general statutes is  
2244 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2245 *January 1, 2015*):

2246 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
2247 special act or municipal charter, on or after December 1, 1990, the  
2248 Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, acting by itself or through  
2249 a regional resources recovery authority, may establish an ash residue  
2250 disposal area on all or part of not more than two sites east of the  
2251 Connecticut River and two sites west of the Connecticut River,  
2252 provided such sites (1) are not owned or operated by the authority on  
2253 July 5, 1989, and (2) are identified in table 8 of the report prepared  
2254 pursuant to section 22a-228b entitled "Identification of Potential Ash  
2255 Residue Disposal Sites" and dated January, 1989, or determined by the  
2256 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to be capable  
2257 of meeting the siting criteria described in said report. No site shall be  
2258 located within four miles of any ash residue disposal area owned or  
2259 operated by the authority on January 1, 1989, or in any municipality in  
2260 which a resources recovery facility and an ash residue disposal area  
2261 are located and not more than one site shall be established in any one  
2262 regional planning area as defined by the Secretary of the Office of  
2263 Policy and Management pursuant to section [8-31a] 16a-4c, as  
2264 amended by this act.

2265 Sec. 70. Subparagraph (K) of subdivision (1) of section 12-408 of the  
2266 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2267 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2268 (K) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2011, the

2269 commissioner shall deposit into the regional [performance] planning  
2270 incentive account, established pursuant to section 4-66k, as amended  
2271 by this act, six and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received by  
2272 the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of this  
2273 subdivision and ten and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received  
2274 by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (G) of this  
2275 subdivision.

2276 Sec. 71. Subparagraph (J) of subdivision (1) of section 12-411 of the  
2277 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2278 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2279 (J) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2011, the  
2280 commissioner shall deposit into the regional [performance] planning  
2281 incentive account, established pursuant to section 4-66k, as amended  
2282 by this act, six and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received by  
2283 the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of this  
2284 subdivision and ten and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received  
2285 by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (G) of this  
2286 subdivision.

2287 Sec. 72. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
2288 study the creation of a state-wide health insurance pool in which any  
2289 school bus driver employed by a local or regional school district or a  
2290 private company that provides bussing services for a local or regional  
2291 school district may be enrolled. Such study shall include, but not be  
2292 limited to, an examination of the estimated state and municipal fiscal  
2293 impact of the creation of such an insurance pool.

2294 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

2295 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
2296 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2297 relating to insurance, education and labor or their designees;

2298 (2) The Insurance Commissioner, the Commissioner of Education,  
2299 the Labor Commissioner and the Healthcare Advocate or their

2300 designees; and

2301 (3) One representative of the health insurance industry, appointed  
2302 by the majority leader of the Senate.

2303 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
2304 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
2305 filled by the appointing authority.

2306 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
2307 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
2308 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
2309 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
2310 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

2311 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
2312 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance  
2313 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

2314 (f) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a report  
2315 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
2316 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
2317 insurance, education and labor and public employees, in accordance  
2318 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task  
2319 force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January  
2320 1, 2014, whichever is later.

2321 Sec. 73. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Uniform  
2322 Regional School Calendar Task Force to develop guidelines for a  
2323 uniform regional school calendar for use by each regional educational  
2324 service center, established in accordance with section 10-66a of the  
2325 general statutes, in the development of uniform regional school  
2326 calendars. Such guidelines for a uniform regional school calendar shall  
2327 include, but not be limited to, (1) at least one hundred eighty days of  
2328 actual school sessions during each school year, (2) a uniform start date,  
2329 (3) uniform days for professional development and in-service training  
2330 for certified employees, pursuant to sections 10-148a and 10-220a of the



2331 general statutes, and (4) not more than three uniform school vacation  
2332 periods during each school year, not more than two of which shall be a  
2333 one week school vacation period and one of which shall be during the  
2334 summer.

2335 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

2336 (1) A representative of the American Federation of Teachers, who  
2337 shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said  
2338 federation or such director's or president's designee;

2339 (2) A representative of the Connecticut Association of School  
2340 Administrators, who shall be appointed by the executive director or  
2341 president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

2342 (3) A representative of the Connecticut Education Association, who  
2343 shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said  
2344 association or such director's or president's designee;

2345 (4) A representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of  
2346 Education, who shall be appointed by the executive director or  
2347 president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

2348 (5) A representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School  
2349 Superintendents, who shall be appointed by the executive director or  
2350 president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

2351 (6) A representative of the Connecticut Parent Teacher Student  
2352 Association, who shall be appointed by the executive director or  
2353 president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

2354 (7) A representative of each regional educational service center, who  
2355 shall be appointed by the executive director of such center or such  
2356 director's designee;

2357 (8) A representative of the school transportation service company  
2358 that serves the largest number of public school students in

2359 Connecticut, who shall be appointed by the executive director or  
2360 president of such company or such director's or president's designee;

2361 (9) A representative of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, who  
2362 shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said  
2363 conference, or such director's or president's designee;

2364 (10) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's  
2365 designee;

2366 (11) Two members of the joint standing committee of the General  
2367 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, one of  
2368 whom shall be appointed by the chairpersons of such committee and  
2369 one of whom shall be appointed by the ranking members of such  
2370 committee; and

2371 (12) Two members of the joint standing committee of the General  
2372 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and  
2373 development, one of whom shall be appointed by the chairpersons of  
2374 such committee and one of whom shall be appointed by the ranking  
2375 members of such committee.

2376 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
2377 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
2378 filled by the appointing authority.

2379 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
2380 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education shall  
2381 select the chairpersons of the task force, from among the members of  
2382 the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the  
2383 task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the  
2384 effective date of this section.

2385 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
2386 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
2387 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

2388 (f) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit such  
2389 guidelines for a uniform regional school calendar to each regional  
2390 educational service center and the joint standing committee of the  
2391 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
2392 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
2393 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such  
2394 guidelines to each regional educational service center in accordance  
2395 with section 74 of this act, or January 1, 2014, whichever is later.

2396 Sec. 74. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than April 1,  
2397 2014, each regional educational service center shall develop a uniform  
2398 regional school calendar to be used by each local or regional board of  
2399 education in the area served by such regional educational service  
2400 center, in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of  
2401 this section. Such uniform regional school calendars shall be consistent  
2402 with the guidelines for a uniform regional school calendar developed  
2403 pursuant to section 73 of this act. Not later than April 1, 2014, each  
2404 regional educational service center shall submit such uniform regional  
2405 school calendar to the State Board of Education for approval. Not later  
2406 than five days after such approval, such regional educational service  
2407 center shall submit such approved uniform regional school calendar to  
2408 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
2409 cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the  
2410 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

2411 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, a local or regional  
2412 board of education may adopt the uniform regional school calendar  
2413 developed and approved pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

2414 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
2415 year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall use the  
2416 uniform regional school calendar developed and approved pursuant to  
2417 subsection (a) of this section.

2418 (d) (1) Not later than July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Education  
2419 shall submit a report on the implementation of uniform regional school

2420 calendars and any recommendations for legislation relating to such  
2421 implementation to the joint standing committee of the General  
2422 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in  
2423 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

2424 (2) Not later than January 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016, the  
2425 Commissioner of Education shall submit a report on the  
2426 implementation of uniform regional school calendars in those school  
2427 districts that have adopted a uniform regional school calendar,  
2428 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and any recommendations  
2429 for legislation relating to such implementation to the joint standing  
2430 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2431 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
2432 4a of the general statutes.

2433 (3) Not later than January 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017, and annually  
2434 thereafter, the Commissioner of Education shall submit a report on the  
2435 implementation of uniform regional school calendars, pursuant to  
2436 subsection (c) of this section, and any recommendations for legislation  
2437 relating to such implementation to the joint standing committee of the  
2438 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
2439 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
2440 statutes.

2441 Sec. 75. Section 10-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2442 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2443 Public schools including kindergartens shall be maintained in each  
2444 town for at least one hundred eighty days of actual school sessions  
2445 during each year, and for the school year commencing July 1, 2014,  
2446 and each school year thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of  
2447 section 74 of this act. When public school sessions are cancelled for  
2448 reasons of inclement weather or otherwise, the rescheduled sessions  
2449 shall not be held on Saturday or Sunday. Public schools may conduct  
2450 weekend education programs to provide supplemental and remedial  
2451 services to students. A local or regional board of education for a school

2452 that has been designated as a low achieving school pursuant to  
2453 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 10-  
2454 223e, or a category four school or a category five school pursuant to  
2455 said section 10-223e, may increase the number of actual school sessions  
2456 during each year, and may increase the number of hours of actual  
2457 school work per school session in order to improve student  
2458 performance and remove the school from the list of schools designated  
2459 as a low achieving school maintained by the State Board of Education.  
2460 The State Board of Education (1) may authorize the shortening of any  
2461 school year for a school district, a school or a portion of a school on  
2462 account of an unavoidable emergency, and (2) may authorize  
2463 implementation of scheduling of school sessions to permit full year use  
2464 of facilities which may not offer each child one hundred eighty days of  
2465 school sessions within a given school year, but which assures an  
2466 opportunity for each child to average a minimum of one hundred  
2467 eighty days of school sessions per year during thirteen years of  
2468 educational opportunity in the elementary and secondary schools.  
2469 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and section 10-16, the  
2470 State Board of Education may, upon application by a local or regional  
2471 board of education, approve for any single school year, in whole or in  
2472 part, a plan to implement alternative scheduling of school sessions  
2473 which assures at least four hundred fifty hours of actual school work  
2474 for nursery schools and half-day kindergartens and at least nine  
2475 hundred hours of actual school work for full-day kindergartens and  
2476 grades one to twelve, inclusive.

2477 Sec. 76. Section 10-66d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2478 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2479 Each board of education and nonpublic school in the area served by  
2480 a regional educational service center may determine the particular  
2481 programs and services in which it wishes to participate in accordance  
2482 with the purpose of this part, except each board of education shall use  
2483 the uniform regional school calendar in accordance with the provisions  
2484 of section 74 of this act.

2485 Sec. 77. Subsection (a) of section 4d-1a of the general statutes is  
2486 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2487 *1, 2013*):

2488 (a) (1) Wherever the term "Chief Information Officer of the  
2489 Department of Information Technology" is used in the following  
2490 general statutes, the term "Commissioner of Administrative Services"  
2491 shall be substituted in lieu thereof; (2) wherever the term "Chief  
2492 Information Officer" is used in the following general statutes, the term  
2493 "commissioner" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (3) wherever  
2494 the term "Department of Information Technology" is used in the  
2495 following general statutes, the term "Department of Administrative  
2496 Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-205, 1-211, 1-212, 1-283,  
2497 3-117, 4d-3, 4d-5, 4d-10, 4d-11, 4d-14, 4d-38, 4d-41, 4d-42, 4d-43, 4d-  
2498 81a, 4d-82a, 4d-83, [4d-84,] 10-5b, 10-10a, 18-81x, 19a-110, 19a-750, 32-  
2499 6i, 54-105a, 54-142q, 54-142r and 54-142s.

2500 Sec. 78. Section 49-31r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2501 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2502 (a) A mortgagee, as defined in section 49-8a, shall include the form  
2503 promulgated by the Judicial Branch, in accordance with subdivision (3)  
2504 of subsection (c) of section 49-31l, concerning notice of community-  
2505 based resources to parties involved in foreclosure mediation with any  
2506 notice to a mortgagor, as defined in said section 49-8a, of an intent to  
2507 accelerate the mortgage loan.

2508 [(b) A municipality shall include such form with any statements  
2509 sent to a homeowner regarding an arrearage owed by the homeowner  
2510 for public sewer or water services or for property taxes.]

2511 [(c)] (b) The Judicial Branch shall provide such form to parties  
2512 involved in foreclosure mediation to public libraries, religious  
2513 organizations and community-based programs throughout this state to  
2514 ensure that such form is readily available to mortgagors.

2515 [(d)] (c) Such form shall include the following:

2516 (1) A reference to CHFA/HUD-Approved Housing Counselors in  
2517 lieu of a reference to CHFA-Approved Housing Counselors;

2518 (2) A column in the approved housing counselor chart that includes  
2519 the counties in which each housing counselor serves; and

2520 (3) A notification to mortgagors who are currently parties to a  
2521 foreclosure action that they should contact the Department of  
2522 Banking's foreclosure assistance hotline for assistance with time  
2523 sensitive foreclosure concerns.

2524 Sec. 79. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) On or after January 1,  
2525 2015, there shall be established a regional human services coordinating  
2526 council for each planning region redesignated pursuant to section 16a-  
2527 4c of the general statutes to encourage collaborations that will foster  
2528 the development and maintenance of a client-focused structure for the  
2529 health and human services system in the region.

2530 (b) Membership on the regional human services coordinating  
2531 councils established under this section shall include the  
2532 Commissioners of Developmental Services, Social Services, Children  
2533 and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Correction,  
2534 Education and Public Health, or said commissioners' designees, and  
2535 the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the  
2536 Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee. Additional  
2537 membership shall be determined at the discretion of the executive  
2538 director of each regional council of governments. Such membership  
2539 may include, but not be limited to: (1) Municipal elected officials, (2)  
2540 workforce development boards, (3) non-profit agencies, and (4) family  
2541 advocacy groups.

2542 (c) Each regional human services coordinating council established  
2543 under this section shall meet not less than twice annually to (1) ensure  
2544 that regional plans and activities are coordinated with the human  
2545 service needs of each region, and (2) develop approaches to improve  
2546 service delivery and achieve cost savings in the region.

2547 Sec. 80. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For the assessment year  
2548 commencing October 1, 2014, each municipality shall tax motor  
2549 vehicles in accordance with this section. Commencing in said  
2550 assessment year, any municipality may establish a mill rate for motor  
2551 vehicles that is different from the municipality's mill rate for real  
2552 property, provided any such mill rate is established in accordance with  
2553 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

2554 (b) Municipal mill rates for motor vehicles shall be established as  
2555 follows: (1) For the assessment year commencing October 1, 2014, no  
2556 municipality shall establish a mill rate for motor vehicles that exceeds  
2557 eighty mills; (2) for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015,  
2558 no municipality shall establish a mill rate for motor vehicles that  
2559 exceeds seventy-two mills; (3) for the assessment year commencing  
2560 October 1, 2016, no municipality shall establish a mill rate for motor  
2561 vehicles that exceeds sixty mills; (4) for the assessment year  
2562 commencing October 1, 2017, no municipality shall establish a mill rate  
2563 for motor vehicles that exceeds forty-eight mills; (5) for the assessment  
2564 year commencing October 1, 2018, no municipality shall establish a  
2565 mill rate for motor vehicles that exceeds thirty-six mills; (6) for the  
2566 assessment year commencing October 1, 2019, no municipality shall  
2567 establish a mill rate for motor vehicles that exceeds twenty-four mills;  
2568 (7) for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2020, no  
2569 municipality shall establish a mill rate for motor vehicles that exceeds  
2570 twelve mills; and (8) for assessment years commencing on and after  
2571 October 1, 2021, no municipality shall tax motor vehicles.

2572 Sec. 81. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established an  
2573 account to be known as the "municipal reimbursement and revenue  
2574 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the  
2575 General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law  
2576 to be deposited in the account.

2577 Sec. 82. Subsection (b) of section 12-71 of the general statutes is  
2578 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2579 *October 1, 2015, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after*



2580 *said date*):

2581 (b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property  
2582 subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then  
2583 actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the  
2584 listing of real estate for the same year, except that any antique, rare or  
2585 special interest motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, as amended  
2586 by this act, shall be assessed at a value of not more than two thousand  
2587 five hundred dollars. The owner of such antique, rare or special  
2588 interest motor vehicle may be required by the assessors to provide  
2589 reasonable documentation that such motor vehicle is an antique, rare  
2590 or special interest motor vehicle, provided any motor vehicle for which  
2591 special number plates have been issued pursuant to section 14-20, as  
2592 amended by this act, shall not be required to provide any such  
2593 documentation. The provisions of this section shall not include money  
2594 or property actually invested in merchandise or manufacturing carried  
2595 on out of this state or machinery or equipment which would be eligible  
2596 for exemption under subdivision (72) or (76) of section 12-81 once  
2597 installed and which cannot begin or which has not begun  
2598 manufacturing, processing or fabricating; or which is being used for  
2599 research and development, including experimental or laboratory  
2600 research and development, design or engineering directly related to  
2601 manufacturing or being used for the significant servicing, overhauling  
2602 or rebuilding of machinery and equipment for industrial use or the  
2603 significant overhauling or rebuilding of other products on a factory  
2604 basis or being used for measuring or testing or metal finishing or in the  
2605 production of motion pictures, video and sound recordings.

2606 Sec. 83. Subdivision (3) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is  
2607 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2608 *October 1, 2015*):

2609 (3) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor  
2610 vehicle [twenty] thirty years old or older [which] that is being  
2611 preserved because of historic interest and [which] that is not altered or  
2612 modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

2613 Sec. 84. Subdivision (49) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is  
2614 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2615 *October 1, 2015*):

2616 (49) "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
2617 [twenty] thirty years old or older [which] that has been modified for  
2618 safe road use, including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive  
2619 train, suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus;

2620 Sec. 85. Section 14-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2621 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2622 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue special number  
2623 plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, including  
2624 antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles that have been  
2625 modified, such special number plates to be issued on a permanent  
2626 basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall  
2627 cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of such antique,  
2628 rare or special interest motor vehicle may use such owner's own  
2629 porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by the  
2630 commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the  
2631 department, [and] (2) such owner files with the commissioner a  
2632 description and the number of such plate, and (3) such owner certifies  
2633 that such motor vehicle is not driven more than two thousand miles in  
2634 a two-year period and provides any additional information the  
2635 commissioner may require. Any fee collected by the commissioner for  
2636 registration of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle shall be  
2637 deposited into the "municipal reimbursement and revenue account"  
2638 established pursuant to section 81 of this act.

2639 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
2640 section 14-18 and section 14-21b, the owner of such antique, rare or  
2641 special interest motor vehicle may be authorized by the commissioner  
2642 to display a number plate originally issued by the Commissioner of  
2643 Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of manufacture of such  
2644 antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. The commissioner shall

2645 issue a certificate of registration, as provided in section 14-12. Such  
2646 registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as long as the  
2647 commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number and  
2648 number plates, if any, which were assigned to such motor vehicle  
2649 before such registration and number plates were issued under this  
2650 section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use  
2651 by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the  
2652 rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or  
2653 operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each  
2654 such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration,  
2655 unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of  
2656 the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such  
2657 motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and  
2658 numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may  
2659 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
2660 provisions of this section.

2661 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
2662 any person who has been issued a special number plate for an antique,  
2663 rare or special interest motor vehicle that is less than thirty years old  
2664 on or before July 1, 2013, shall not be required to forfeit such special  
2665 number plate.

2666 Sec. 86. Subsection (b) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is  
2667 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2668 *1, 2015*):

2669 (b) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor  
2670 vehicle owned by such licensee or temporarily in such licensee's  
2671 custody, make application to the commissioner for a general  
2672 distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to  
2673 the applicant a certificate or certificates of registration containing the  
2674 distinguishing number and mark assigned to such applicant, and  
2675 made in a form and containing any further information that the  
2676 commissioner may determine, and, thereupon, each motor vehicle  
2677 owned by the applicant or temporarily in the applicant's custody shall

2678 be regarded as registered under and having assigned to it such general  
2679 distinguishing number and mark until sold. For the registration of all  
2680 motor vehicles registered under a general distinguishing number and  
2681 mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee at the rate of seventy dollars  
2682 per year and shall deposit such fee into the "municipal reimbursement  
2683 and revenue account" established pursuant to section 81 of this act. No  
2684 new car dealer may be issued more than one such registration for each  
2685 ten sales transactions in a year and no repairer or limited repairer may  
2686 be issued more than three registrations in a year, unless such licensee  
2687 makes application for an additional registration to the commissioner,  
2688 in such form and containing such information as the commissioner  
2689 may require to substantiate such request. No used car dealer may be  
2690 issued more than three such registrations in a year, provided an  
2691 additional registration may be issued for each ten sales transactions in  
2692 excess of thirty such transactions upon submission of such application  
2693 for an additional registration. The commissioner may issue to each  
2694 such licensee such additional registrations as the commissioner deems  
2695 necessary. The commissioner may withdraw any registration  
2696 previously issued or may limit the number of registrations which any  
2697 licensee is eligible to receive or to hold, if the commissioner determines  
2698 that a licensee does not require such number of registrations or if a  
2699 licensee has been found to be in violation of any of the provisions of  
2700 section 14-64.

2701 Sec. 87. Subsection (d) of section 13b-59 of the general statutes is  
2702 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2703 *1, 2015*):

2704 (d) "License, permit and fee revenues" means (1) all fees and other  
2705 charges required by, or levied pursuant to sections 12-487, 13b-80 and  
2706 13b-97, subsection (b) of section 14-12, sections 14-16a, 14-21c, 14-44h  
2707 and 14-44i, subsection (v) of section 14-49, subsections (b) and (f) of  
2708 section 14-50, subdivisions (7) to (9), inclusive, of subsection (a) of  
2709 section 14-50a, sections 14-52, [14-58,] 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e)  
2710 of section 14-73, sections 14-96q and 14-103a, subsection (a) of section

2711 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, subsection (d) of section  
2712 14-270, sections 14-319 and 14-320 and sections 13b-410a to 13b-410c,  
2713 inclusive; (2) all aeronautics, waterways, and other fees and charges  
2714 required by, or levied pursuant to sections 13a-80 and 13a-80a,  
2715 subsection (b) of section 13b-42 and subsections (b) and (c) of section  
2716 15-13; and (3) all motor vehicle related fines, penalties or other charges  
2717 as defined in subsection (g) of this section;

2718 Sec. 88. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 13b-76 of the general  
2719 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2720 (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

2721 (a) Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to sections  
2722 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, are hereby determined to be issued for  
2723 valid public purposes in exercise of essential governmental functions.  
2724 Such bonds and bond anticipation notes shall be special obligations of  
2725 the state and shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds  
2726 other than the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys  
2727 pledged therefor as provided in sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and  
2728 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-  
2729 175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61,  
2730 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of  
2731 section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision  
2732 (2) of said subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection  
2733 (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35,  
2734 subsection (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section  
2735 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section  
2736 14-50a, [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-  
2737 66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and  
2738 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,  
2739 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,  
2740 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,  
2741 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299, nor shall  
2742 the state or any political subdivision thereof be subject to any liability  
2743 thereon, except to the extent of such pledged revenues or other

2744 receipts, funds or moneys pledged therefor as provided in said  
2745 sections. As part of the contract of the state with the owners of said  
2746 bonds and bond anticipation notes, all amounts necessary for punctual  
2747 payment of the debt service requirements with respect to such bonds  
2748 and bond anticipation notes shall be deemed to be appropriated, but  
2749 only from the sources pledged pursuant to said sections, upon the  
2750 authorization of issuance of such bonds and bond anticipation notes by  
2751 the State Bond Commission, or the filing of a certificate of  
2752 determination by the Treasurer in accordance with subsection (c) of  
2753 this section, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as  
2754 the same shall accrue, but only from such sources. The issuance of  
2755 bonds or bond anticipation notes issued under sections 13b-74 to 13b-  
2756 77, inclusive, shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate  
2757 the state or any political subdivision thereof to levy or to pledge any  
2758 form of taxation whatever therefor, except for taxes included in the  
2759 pledged revenues, or to make any additional appropriation for their  
2760 payment. Such bonds and bond anticipation notes shall not constitute  
2761 a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of  
2762 the state or of any political subdivision thereof other than the pledged  
2763 revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys pledged therefor as  
2764 provided in sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection  
2765 (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive,  
2766 subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71,  
2767 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97,  
2768 subsection (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision (2) of said  
2769 subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection (a) of  
2770 section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection  
2771 (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44,  
2772 sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section 14-50a,  
2773 [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-66,  
2774 subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-  
2775 69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,  
2776 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,  
2777 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,  
2778 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and section 15-14, and the substance of

2779 such limitation shall be plainly stated on the face of each such bond  
2780 and bond anticipation note. Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued  
2781 pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, shall not be subject to  
2782 any statutory limitation on the indebtedness of the state, and, when  
2783 issued, shall not be included in computing the aggregate indebtedness  
2784 of the state in respect to and to the extent of any such limitation.

2785 (b) Bonds issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive,  
2786 may be executed and delivered at such time or times and shall be  
2787 dated, bear interest at such rate or rates, including variable rates to be  
2788 determined in such manner as set forth in the proceedings authorizing  
2789 the issuance of the bonds, provide for payment of interest on such  
2790 dates, whether before or at maturity, be issued at, above or below par,  
2791 mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their  
2792 date, have such rank or priority, be payable in such medium of  
2793 payment, be issued in such form, including without limitation  
2794 registered or book-entry form, carry such registration and transfer  
2795 privileges and be made subject to purchase or redemption before  
2796 maturity at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions,  
2797 including the condition that such bonds be subject to purchase or  
2798 redemption on the demand of the owner thereof, all as may be  
2799 provided by the State Bond Commission. The State Bond Commission  
2800 shall determine the form of the bonds, the manner of execution of the  
2801 bonds, the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the  
2802 manner of payment of principal and interest. Prior to the preparation  
2803 of definitive bonds, the State Bond Commission may, under like  
2804 restrictions, authorize the issuance of interim receipts or temporary  
2805 bonds, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have been  
2806 executed and are available for delivery. If any of the officers whose  
2807 signatures appear on the bonds cease to be officers before the delivery  
2808 of any such bonds, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and  
2809 sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officers had remained in  
2810 office until delivery. Nothing herein shall prevent any series of bonds  
2811 issued under sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d,  
2812 subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u,

2813 inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-  
2814 69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of  
2815 section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision  
2816 (2) of said subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection  
2817 (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35,  
2818 subsection (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section  
2819 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section  
2820 14-50a, [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-  
2821 66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and  
2822 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,  
2823 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,  
2824 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,  
2825 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299 from  
2826 being issued in coupon form, in which case references to the bonds  
2827 herein also shall refer to the coupons attached thereto where  
2828 appropriate, and references to owners of bonds shall include holders of  
2829 such bonds where appropriate.

2830 Sec. 89. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 13b-76 of the general  
2831 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2832 (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

2833 (d) The debt service requirements with respect to any bonds and  
2834 bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,  
2835 inclusive, shall be secured by (1) a first call upon the pledged revenues  
2836 as they are received by the state and credited to the Special  
2837 Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68, and (2) a lien  
2838 upon any and all amounts held to the credit of said Special  
2839 Transportation Fund from time to time, provided said lien shall not  
2840 extend to amounts held to the credit of such Special Transportation  
2841 Fund which represent (A) amounts borrowed by the Treasurer in  
2842 anticipation of state revenues pursuant to section 3-16, or (B)  
2843 transportation-related federal revenues of the state. Any obligation of  
2844 the state secured by said lien to pay the unrefunded principal of bond  
2845 anticipation notes, including for this purpose any obligation of the



2846 state under a reimbursement agreement entered into in connection  
2847 with a credit facility providing for payment of the unrefunded  
2848 principal of bond anticipation notes, shall be subordinate to any  
2849 obligation of the state secured by said lien to pay (i) the debt service  
2850 requirements with respect to bonds, or (ii) any debt service  
2851 requirements with respect to bond anticipation notes other than debt  
2852 service requirements relating to unrefunded principal of bond  
2853 anticipation notes or to obligations under a credit facility for the  
2854 payment of such unrefunded principal. The debt service requirements  
2855 with respect to bonds and bond anticipation notes also may be secured  
2856 by a pledge of reserves, sinking funds and any other funds and  
2857 accounts, including proceeds from investment of any of the foregoing,  
2858 established pursuant to sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d,  
2859 subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u,  
2860 inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-  
2861 69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of  
2862 section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision  
2863 (2) of said subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection  
2864 (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35,  
2865 subsection (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section  
2866 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section  
2867 14-50a, [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-  
2868 66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and  
2869 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,  
2870 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,  
2871 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,  
2872 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299 or the  
2873 proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds, and by moneys  
2874 paid under a credit facility, including, but not limited to, a letter of  
2875 credit or policy of bond insurance, issued by a financial institution  
2876 pursuant to an agreement authorized by such proceedings.

2877 (e) The proceedings under which bonds are authorized to be issued  
2878 may, subject to the provisions of the general statutes, contain any or all  
2879 of the following: (1) Provisions respecting custody of the proceeds

2880 from the sale of the bonds and any bond anticipation notes, including  
2881 any requirements that such proceeds be held separate from or not be  
2882 commingled with other funds of the state; (2) provisions for the  
2883 investment and reinvestment of bond proceeds until used to pay  
2884 transportation costs and for the disposition of any excess bond  
2885 proceeds or investment earnings thereon; (3) provisions for the  
2886 execution of reimbursement agreements or similar agreements in  
2887 connection with credit facilities, including, but not limited to, letters of  
2888 credit or policies of bond insurance, remarketing agreements and  
2889 agreements for the purpose of moderating interest rate fluctuations,  
2890 and of such other agreements entered into pursuant to section 3-20a;  
2891 (4) provisions for the collection, custody, investment, reinvestment and  
2892 use of the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys  
2893 pledged therefor as provided in sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and  
2894 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-  
2895 175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61,  
2896 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of  
2897 section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision  
2898 (2) of said subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection  
2899 (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35,  
2900 subsection (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section  
2901 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section  
2902 14-50a, [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-  
2903 66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and  
2904 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,  
2905 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,  
2906 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,  
2907 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299; (5)  
2908 provisions regarding the establishment and maintenance of reserves,  
2909 sinking funds and any other funds and accounts as shall be approved  
2910 by the State Bond Commission in such amounts as may be established  
2911 by the State Bond Commission, and the regulation and disposition  
2912 thereof, including requirements that any such funds and accounts be  
2913 held separate from or not be commingled with other funds of the state;  
2914 (6) covenants for the establishment of pledged revenue coverage

2915 requirements for the bonds and bond anticipation notes, provided that  
 2916 no such covenant shall obligate the state to provide coverage in any  
 2917 year with respect to any bonds or bond anticipation notes in excess of  
 2918 four times the aggregate debt service on bonds and bond anticipation  
 2919 notes, as described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of section  
 2920 13b-75, during such year; (7) covenants for the establishment of  
 2921 maintenance requirements with respect to state transportation facilities  
 2922 and properties; (8) provisions for the issuance of additional bonds on a  
 2923 parity with bonds theretofore issued, including establishment of  
 2924 coverage requirements with respect thereto as herein provided; (9)  
 2925 provisions regarding the rights and remedies available in case of a  
 2926 default to the bondowners, noteowners or any trustee under any  
 2927 contract, loan agreement, document, instrument or trust indenture,  
 2928 including the right to appoint a trustee to represent their interests  
 2929 upon occurrence of an event of default, as defined in said proceedings,  
 2930 provided that if any bonds or bond anticipation notes shall be secured  
 2931 by a trust indenture, the respective owners of such bonds or notes shall  
 2932 have no authority except as set forth in such trust indenture to appoint  
 2933 a separate trustee to represent them; and (10) provisions or covenants  
 2934 of like or different character from the foregoing which are consistent  
 2935 with sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of  
 2936 section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f)  
 2937 of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-  
 2938 77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97, subsection  
 2939 (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision (2) of said subsection (a),  
 2940 sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a,  
 2941 section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection (b) of section  
 2942 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-  
 2943 48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section 14-50a, [sections] section  
 2944 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection (e) of  
 2945 section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e)  
 2946 of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections 14-103a and  
 2947 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-  
 2948 192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of section 14-382  
 2949 and sections 15-14 and 16-299 and which the State Bond Commission

determines in such proceedings are necessary, convenient or desirable in order to better secure the bonds or bond anticipation notes, or will tend to make the bonds or bond anticipation notes more marketable, and which are in the best interests of the state. Any provision which may be included in proceedings authorizing the issuance of bonds hereunder may be included in an indenture of trust duly approved in accordance with subsection (g) of this section which secures the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, and in such case the provisions of such indenture shall be deemed to be a part of such proceedings as though they were expressly included therein.

Sec. 90. Subsection (g) of section 13b-76 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(g) In the discretion of the State Bond Commission, bonds issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, including for this purpose any bond anticipation notes, may be secured by a trust indenture by and between the state and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the state. Such trust indenture may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondowners and noteowners as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants setting forth the duties of the state in relation to the exercise of its powers pursuant to sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision (2) of said subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section 14-50a, [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection (e) of section 14-67,

2983 sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-  
2984 73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections 14-103a and 14-160,  
2985 subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192,  
2986 sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of section 14-382 and  
2987 sections 15-14 and 16-299 and the custody, safeguarding and  
2988 application of all moneys. The state may provide by such trust  
2989 indenture for the payment of the pledged revenues or other receipts,  
2990 funds or moneys to the trustee under such trust indenture or to any  
2991 other depository, and for the method of disbursement thereof, with  
2992 such safeguards and restrictions as it may determine. All expenses  
2993 incurred in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated as  
2994 transportation costs, as defined in section 13b-75.

2995 Sec. 91. Subsection (c) of section 13b-77 of the general statutes is  
2996 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2997 *1, 2015*):

2998 (c) The state covenants with the purchasers and all subsequent  
2999 owners and transferees of bonds and bond anticipation notes issued by  
3000 the state pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, in  
3001 consideration of the acceptance of the payment for the bonds and bond  
3002 anticipation notes, until such bonds and bond anticipation notes,  
3003 together with the interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid  
3004 installment of interest and all costs and expenses in connection with  
3005 any action or proceeding on behalf of such owners, are fully met and  
3006 discharged, or unless expressly permitted or otherwise authorized by  
3007 the terms of each contract and agreement made or entered into by or  
3008 on behalf of the state with or for the benefit of such owners, that the  
3009 state will impose, charge, raise, levy, collect and apply the pledged  
3010 revenues and other receipts, funds or moneys pledged for the payment  
3011 of debt service requirements as provided in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,  
3012 inclusive, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay such debt  
3013 service requirements in each year in which bonds or bond anticipation  
3014 notes are outstanding and further, that the state (1) will not limit or  
3015 alter the duties imposed on the Treasurer and other officers of the state

3016 by sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of  
 3017 section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f)  
 3018 of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-  
 3019 77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97, subsection  
 3020 (a) of section 14-12, except for subdivision (2) of said subsection (a),  
 3021 sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a,  
 3022 section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection (b) of section  
 3023 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-  
 3024 48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection (a) of section 14-50a, [sections] section  
 3025 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection (e) of  
 3026 section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e)  
 3027 of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections 14-103a and  
 3028 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-  
 3029 192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of section 14-382  
 3030 and section 15-14 and by the proceedings authorizing the issuance of  
 3031 bonds with respect to application of pledged revenues or other  
 3032 receipts, funds or moneys pledged for the payment of debt service  
 3033 requirements as provided in said sections; (2) will not issue any bonds,  
 3034 notes or other evidences of indebtedness, other than the bonds and  
 3035 bond anticipation notes, having any rights arising out of said sections  
 3036 or secured by any pledge of or other lien or charge on the pledged  
 3037 revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys pledged for the payment  
 3038 of debt service requirements as provided in said sections; (3) will not  
 3039 create or cause to be created any lien or charge on such pledged  
 3040 amounts, other than a lien or pledge created thereon pursuant to said  
 3041 sections, provided nothing in this subsection shall prevent the state  
 3042 from issuing evidences of indebtedness (A) which are secured by a  
 3043 pledge or lien which is and shall on the face thereof be expressly  
 3044 subordinate and junior in all respects to every lien and pledge created  
 3045 by or pursuant to said sections; or (B) for which the full faith and credit  
 3046 of the state is pledged and which are not expressly secured by any  
 3047 specific lien or charge on such pledged amounts; or (C) which are  
 3048 secured by a pledge of or lien on moneys or funds derived on or after  
 3049 such date as every pledge or lien thereon created by or pursuant to  
 3050 said sections shall be discharged and satisfied; (4) will carry out and

perform, or cause to be carried out and performed, each and every promise, covenant, agreement or contract made or entered into by the state or on its behalf with the owners of any bonds or bond anticipation notes; (5) will not in any way impair the rights, exemptions or remedies of such owners; and (6) will not limit, modify, rescind, repeal or otherwise alter the rights or obligations of the appropriate officers of the state to impose, maintain, charge or collect the taxes, fees, charges and other receipts constituting the pledged revenues as may be necessary to produce sufficient revenues to fulfill the terms of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds, including pledged revenue coverage requirements, and provided nothing herein shall preclude the state from exercising its power, through a change in law, to limit, modify, rescind, repeal or otherwise alter the character or amount of such pledged revenues or to substitute like or different sources of taxes, fees, charges or other receipts as pledged revenues if, for the ensuing fiscal year, as evidenced by the proposed or adopted budget of the state with respect to the Special Transportation Fund, the projected revenues meet or exceed the estimated expenses of the Special Transportation Fund including accumulated deficits, if any, debt service requirements and any pledged revenue coverage requirement. The State Bond Commission is authorized to include this covenant of the state in any agreement with the owner of any such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Sec. 92. Section 13b-79a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

Not later than October 1, 1984, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall prepare a report on the current status and progress of the transportation infrastructure program authorized pursuant to special act 84-52 and sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, except

3084 for subdivision (2) of said subsection (a), sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-  
3085 21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of  
3086 section 14-35, subsection (b) of section 14-41, section 14-41a, subsection  
3087 (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, subsection  
3088 (a) of section 14-50a, [sections] section 14-52, [and 14-58,] subsection (c)  
3089 of section 14-66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d,  
3090 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of  
3091 section 14-96q, sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section  
3092 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-  
3093 381, subsection (b) of section 14-382 and section 15-14. Each report  
3094 shall include, but not be limited to: Information on the number of lane  
3095 miles of state and local roadway repaved, the status of the state and  
3096 local bridge programs, the status of intrastate and interstate highway  
3097 programs and the interstate trade-in program and mass transportation  
3098 and aeronautics programs. The commissioner shall notify the joint  
3099 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3100 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations  
3101 and the budgets of state agencies of the availability of the report. A  
3102 requesting member of such a committee shall be sent a written copy or  
3103 electronic storage media of the report by the commissioner.

3104 Sec. 93. Section 12-63h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3105 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3106 (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
3107 establish a pilot program in [a single municipality] up to three  
3108 municipalities whereby the [municipality] selected municipalities shall  
3109 develop a plan for implementation of land value taxation that (1)  
3110 classifies real estate included in the taxable grand list as (A) land or  
3111 land exclusive of buildings, or (B) buildings on land; and (2)  
3112 establishes a different mill rate for property tax purposes for each  
3113 class, provided the higher mill rate shall apply to land or land  
3114 exclusive of buildings. The different mill rates for taxable real estate in  
3115 each class shall not be applicable to any property for which a grant is  
3116 payable under section 12-19a or 12-20a.



3117 (b) [To be eligible for the program a municipality shall (1) be a  
3118 distressed municipality, as defined in subsection (b) of section 32-9p;  
3119 (2) have a population of not more than twenty-six thousand; and (3)  
3120 have a city manager and city council form of government.] The  
3121 secretary shall establish an application procedure and any other  
3122 criteria for the program and shall send a copy of such application  
3123 procedure and any other criteria to the joint standing committee of the  
3124 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning  
3125 and development. The secretary shall not select a municipality for the  
3126 pilot program unless the legislative body of the municipality has  
3127 approved the application. The secretary shall send a notice of selection  
3128 for the pilot program to the chief executive officer of the municipality  
3129 and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
3130 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development.

3131 (c) After receipt of the notice of selection provided by the Secretary  
3132 of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to subsection (b) of  
3133 this section, the chief [executive officer] elected official of such  
3134 municipality shall appoint a committee consisting of (1) a  
3135 representative of the legislative body of the municipality or where the  
3136 legislative body is the town meeting, a representative of the board of  
3137 selectmen; (2) a representative from the business community; (3) a land  
3138 use attorney; and (4) relevant taxpayers and stakeholders. [to] Such  
3139 committee shall prepare a plan for implementation of land value  
3140 taxation. Such plan shall [(1)] (A) provide a process for implementation  
3141 of differentiated tax rates; [(2)] (B) designate geographic areas of the  
3142 municipality where the differentiated rates shall be applied; and [(3)]  
3143 (C) identify legal and administrative issues affecting the  
3144 implementation of the plan. The chief executive officer, the chief  
3145 elected official, the assessor and the tax collector of the municipality  
3146 shall have an opportunity to review and comment on the plan. On or  
3147 before December 31, [2009] 2014, and upon approval of the plan by the  
3148 legislative body, the plan shall be submitted to the joint standing  
3149 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3150 relating to planning and development, [and to] finance, revenue and

3151    bonding and commerce.

3152        Sec. 94. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of  
3153    Revenue Services shall, on or before December 31, 2014, and biennially  
3154    thereafter, submit to the joint standing committee of the General  
3155    Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue  
3156    and bonding, and post on said department's Internet web site a report  
3157    on the overall incidence of the income tax, sales and excise taxes, the  
3158    corporation business tax and property tax. The report shall present  
3159    information on the distribution of the tax burden as follows:

3160        (1) For individuals:

3161        (A) Income classes, including income distribution expressed for  
3162    every ten percentage points; and

3163        (B) Other appropriate taxpayer characteristics, as determined by  
3164    said commissioner.

3165        (2) For businesses:

3166        (A) Business size as established by gross receipts;

3167        (B) Legal organization; and

3168        (C) Industry by NAICS code.

3169        (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may enter into a contract  
3170    with any public or private entity for the purpose of preparing the  
3171    report required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

3172        Sec. 95. Section 4-124q of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
3173    *from passage*)

3174        Sec. 96. Sections 4d-84 and 4d-85 of the general statutes are  
3175    repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2013*)

3176        Sec. 97. Sections 4-124c to 4-124f, inclusive, 4-124h, 4-124m, 4-124o,

3177 8-31a, 8-32a, 8-33a, 8-34a, 8-36a, 8-37a and 8-37b of the general statutes  
 3178 are repealed. (Effective January 1, 2015)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-4c
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4-66k
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	2-79a(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	4-124s
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124s
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	4d-80(a) and (b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124i
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	4-124j
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124l
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124u
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-230(10)
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4b-24a
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	5-259(a)
Sec. 18	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	5-259(i)
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-130w
Sec. 20	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-136e
Sec. 21	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-391
Sec. 22	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-425(1) to (3)
Sec. 23	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-427(a)
Sec. 24	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-452(1) to (4)
Sec. 25	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-465
Sec. 26	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-479
Sec. 27	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-2j(e)
Sec. 28	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-3b
Sec. 29	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-23(g)(4)
Sec. 30	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-26b
Sec. 31	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-35a
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